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## RANGITIKI'S STORY OF BRUSH WITH RAIDER

### HEAVY RAID ON BRINDISI

R.A.F. bombers again attacked Brindisi on Friday night, said an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The railway station, aerodrome and oil tanks near the city were bombed and several fires caused in the target area, but the full extent of the damage could not be observed owing to low clouds.

Benghazi was raided successfully and shipping in the harbour damaged.

The foreshore at Tobruk was bombed but it was not possible to see the extent of the damage.

A fuel depot near Gura, Italian East Africa, was attacked, a direct hit on the largest building in the target area causing much damage.

On Friday night Zula was raided and buildings bombed and set on fire.

The Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway line south of Adagalla was bombed. Direct hits are believed to have been made.

Marsawa was raided, the main quay and destroyer base being the principal objectives. All our planes except one returned safely.—Reuter.

### RATIO OF 12 TO 1

Sixty-four German and 13 Italian planes were shot down over Britain during the week ending midnight on November 16.

In the same period six British fighters were lost but the pilots of three are safe.

Detailed figures were:—

	German	British
No. 10	—	—
" 11	12	2
" 12	1	—
" 13	6	—
" 14	21	2
" 15	23	2
" 16	1	—

(and 13 Italian)  
(both pilots safe)  
(one pilot safe)  
—Reuter.

### ANTONESCU LEAVES FOR BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Accompanied by his suite General Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, has left Rome for Bucharest.—Havas.

## Salvoes Dropping All Round Giant New Zealander Liner

### ELEVEN NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down in raids on Britain yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique.

Four British fighters were lost but the pilots of three are safe.—Reuter.

### SHATIN DRIVING INCIDENT

The Kowloon Police are endeavouring to trace an alleged hit-and-run driver who knocked down a Chinese while overtaking another car near Shatin yesterday afternoon.

Among the several witnesses were Mr. W. G. Routley, Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, Dr. Arthur Fung and Mr. F. Brett, Chief Inspector of Junks and Cargo Boats, Harbour Department.

Mr. Routley, in his report to the Police, stated that he was driving in Shatin at about 6 p.m. yesterday. There were several cars following him and a number in front. He was requested to stop by the car in front and saw a Chinese lying on the roadside having apparently been knocked down. He took the man to the Kowloon Hospital.

Dr. Fung, who requested Mr. Routley to stop, stated that he saw a car in front of his overtake another car. After hearing a cry, he saw a man rolling on the road. The man had apparently been knocked down by the car which was overtaking.

He stopped and rendered first aid treatment to the injured man. Having no room in his own vehicle he stopped the car driven by Mr. Routley.

Mr. F. Brett was among the witnesses who assisted.  
The injured man, Ho Fuk, 36, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

FURTHER STORIES OF BRITISH HEROISM WHEN A GERMAN RAIDER ATTACKED THE JERVIS BAY CONVOY WERE TOLD WHEN THE 17,000-TON STEAMER RANGITIKI, BIGGEST SHIP OF THE CONVOY AND ONE OF THE RAIDER'S MAIN TARGETS, DOCKED AT A WEST COAST OF ENGLAND PORT YESTERDAY WITHOUT A SINGLE CASUALTY AND HARDLY A SCRATCH.

The captain said the raider, which may have been the Deutschland, was first sighted some 20 miles away well down on the port bow at about 4 p.m. It was not identified until 4.45 p.m. when it was seen to be a heavy warship.

The convoy continued, at a speed of nine knots which was the fastest some of the ships could do, but turned. The enemy also turned on a course parallel to the convoy and opened fire on the Jervis Bay, which steamed towards the enemy and opened fire, but apparently her salvoes fell short.

The enemy's second salvo hit the Jervis Bay amidships and evidently put her engines out of action as she lost way immediately.

The third salvo struck her just before the bridge and the fourth aft, setting her afire.

The enemy then concentrated her fire on the Rangitiki.

### Within 50 Yards

The first salvo fell on her starboard quarter, the second straddled her amidships, the third straddled her forward of the bridge and one shell fell within 50 yards of the ship, smothering the bridge with spray and shell fragments but doing no appreciable damage.

Meanwhile the convoy of ships made a smoke-screen which, coupled with the gallant action of Jervis Bay, enabled so many ships to escape, despite the enemy's use of star shells in an attempt to locate the ships and the fact that two or three of the ships were apparently on fire.

### LAVAL'S LONG TALK WITH SUNER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
M. Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, had a lengthy conversation with Señor Serrano Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, when the latter passed through Vichy on his way to Berlin, says a communique issued by the Spanish Embassy yesterday.—Havas.

### HURRICANE HAVOC ON CONTINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
A hurricane which caused terrific damage in northern France on Thursday evening also wreaked havoc in Belgium and Holland, states a message from Brussels this morning.

Throughout Belgium the roofs of houses were blown away, trees and telegraph poles uprooted and lamp posts and kiosks sent crashing to the ground.

Traffic and telephone communications were disrupted in several parts of the country.

The blowing down of railway signal posts caused a serious railway accident which killed 21 and injured 80.

Brussels and Antwerp bore the brunt of the tempest, terrible damage being caused in both cities.

In Holland several were killed during the storm.—Havas.

### VICHY CONTINUES "RED" ROUND-UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The French police yesterday carried out further arrests of Communists. At Toulouse two noted women Communists were arrested and charged with operating a secret printing plant and distributing Communist pamphlets.—Havas.

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# ITALIAN TAIL TUCKED WELL IN



H.M. Submarine Sturgeon (Commanded by Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, D.S.O.) recently torpedoed and sank a 10,000 ton German transport off the coast of Denmark. Photo shows: Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, D.S.O. (extreme right) on board the submarine, on her arrival at her home base. (Copyright, Fox).

## JAPANESE THEATRE SHOW IN HANOI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese "umojina" theatrical troupe are to give a performance in the Hanoi municipal theatre to-day. General Sumita, head of the Japanese economic mission in Indo-China, has invited many prominent French in Hanoi. The programme, it is stated, consists of two comedies and one play illustrating the "traditional Japanese spirit." — Havas.

## SEA WAR LIBRARY SERVICE

Ninety thousand books and magazines have been distributed among 3,000 ships by the Sea War Library Service, Selwyn House, Endsleigh Street, W.C.1. The collection has been assisted by librarians throughout the country, who have encouraged people to give books to be forwarded to the depots.

During the next twelve months more books will be needed, and more money required for buying new books on a larger scale. The committee speak with confidence in their first annual report that their activities will bring them the support they need "to enable the Service to carry on with the provision of literature for Merchant Seamen."

# Armoured Column Smashed Up Near Koritza Front

AN ITALIAN ARMoured column has been smashed up by Greek troops operating on the eastern sector of the front, according to reports received in Athens last night.

It is also reported but not yet confirmed that a large number of tanks which have been dispersed have crossed the frontier into Yugoslavia to avoid capture.

All reports received in London yesterday evening indicated that the Italian attack has been turned against them with such effect that it is now the Italians who are up against an invasion.

On the whole 150-mile front, they were reported to be moving backwards.

The fiercest fighting was around Koritza, which is nine miles inside Albania. Italian reinforcements staged a counter-attack, but are reported to have been repulsed and driven back with heavy losses.

According to one report, 130 Italian tanks trying to get into Yugoslavia from Koritza have been cut off by Greek troops advancing from the east.

### Italian Silence

The Italians are maintaining a significant silence, and their communique yesterday only gave two lines out of a total of 37 to the land operations.

These two lines were of little value, and read:— "On the Greek front, attacks and counter-attacks took place yesterday, and were particularly heavy in the sector of the Ninth Army."

Semi-official London circles comment that this Italian unwillingness to say much is perhaps only natural, as the Italians cannot conceal the fact that their invasion so far is nothing but a dismal failure. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN BAGS 5,000 WARPLANES

The Battle of Britain cost Germany 1,097 warplanes and about 2,500 skilled pilots and airmen in the month of August alone.

It is estimated that British fighters, bombers and guns have accounted for at least 5,000 machines and 10,000 to 12,000 airmen since the war began, figures which do not include the enemy's losses to the French, Belgians, or Dutch or in the campaigns in Poland and Norway.

### We Still Lead Four To One

Britain's total losses were 991 machines.

The enemy's vain effort to smash through the R.A.F. ring of fire and steel accounted for 290 British planes in August. The pilots of precisely half of these were saved.

The "Blitzkrieg" has cost the Nazis about four planes for every one they shot down, and 15 airmen for each British life lost.

Only a limited amount of damage has been done to our war production.

In the Battle of Germany, which the R.A.F. has waged every night, we lost only 64 bombers during August, and 300 airmen.

## GABON NOW PART OF FREE FRANCE

The whole of Gabon (French Equatorial Africa) is now part of the French Free Empire, says a communique issued last night from London headquarters of the French Free Forces.

The communique states that the town of Port Gentil, second port of Gabon, surrendered without fighting two days after the surrender of Libreville, capital of the colony. — Reuter.

## IMPROVING BRITAIN'S CROPS

Through various State-aided drainage schemes a substantial improvement in large areas of farm land will be effected in time for the 1941 harvest.

Applications in a steady flow are being made by farmers for Treasury grants covering half the cost of mole drainage, field drainage, and the cleaning of farm ditches.

These grants are war-time extensions of the ambitious national drainage scheme first authorised by the Land Drainage Act of 1930. Eventually, at a cost of more than £20,000,000, the scheme will raise the fertility of millions of acres of farm land and will also prevent recurrence of extensive and costly floods.

On main rivers 127 schemes costing £13,300,000 are in progress or will begin during the next twenty-four months. For other work on smaller watercourses, authorised by the Agriculture Act of 1937, 2,500 schemes have been approved at a cost of £1,255,000, with grants in aid up to 50 per cent.

## LORD NUFFIELD'S PINTS FOR TROOPS

When Lord Nuffield glanced out of his office window at the Cowley works recently, he saw a company of soldiers returning from a route march, looking hot and thirsty.

Lord Nuffield promptly telephoned their depot and ordered a pint of beer for each man at his expense. At the depot the soldiers shortly afterwards drank Lord Nuffield's health with enthusiasm.

# TAMPICO COMEDY: THOUGHT AMERICAN SHIPS WERE BRITISH

AMERICAN NEWS agencies have thrown further light on the attempt of four German merchant ships to slip out of Tampico, apparently in an attempt to get through to Spain.

(It will be recalled that one ship was set on fire, and it is known that this ship, the Phrygia, was scuttled. The other three raced back to Tampico).

When the master of the Phrygia and his crew got ashore, they told the port authorities that they were "signalled to by a warship" and so took the traditional way out.

The latest American news agency reports suggest that the German captain mistook signals which he intercepted between three warships and a British merchantman; presumed the warships were British vessels, and scuttled his ship. The other three fled.

It is now believed that the warships were not British ships, but neutrals.

The captain of the Phrygia is reported to have said that he was intercepted well within the "Safety Zone," while another message states that it is officially said in German circles in Tampico that the ships had a rendezvous 300 or 400 miles out with the pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer, which was to have escorted them to Spain. — Reuter.

## SHOPPING HOURS AFTER RAIDS

Croydon Chamber of Commerce has turned down a suggestion that, because shopping hours are so often interrupted by air raid warnings, shops should open earlier each morning. The Chamber is also opposed to keeping shops open an hour later at night.

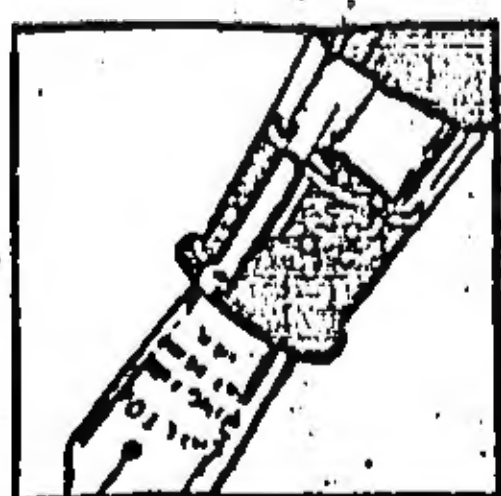
Mr. D. W. Joslin, President of the Chamber, said: "At some shops instructions have been issued that, if an air raid warning is in operation after midnight, staffs will be allowed to arrive at work later. In one instance as late as 10 a.m."

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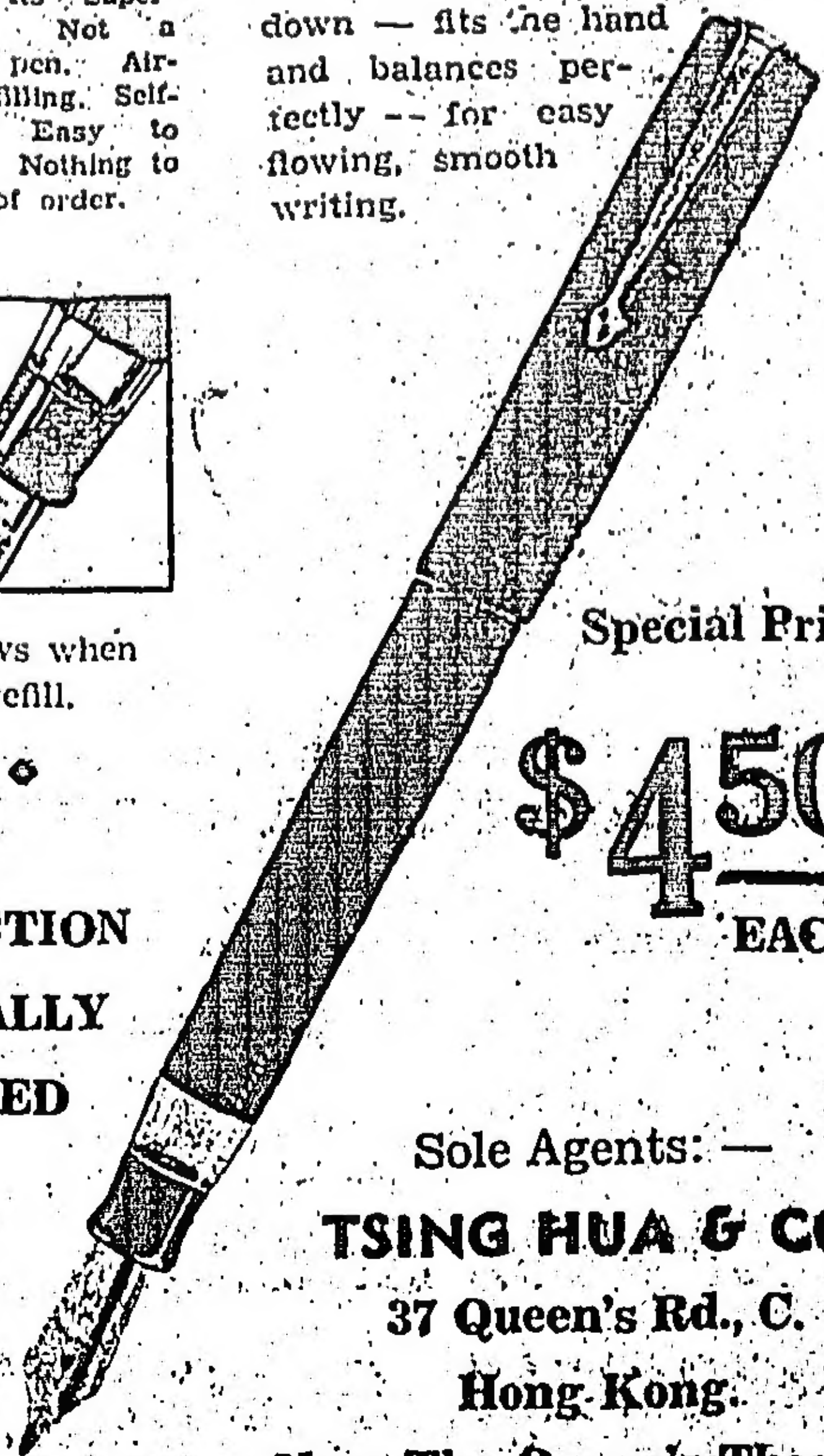


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# BIG SHUFFLE IN R.A.F.

## New "Army Cooperation" Command Created

### Lessons of the Blitzkrieg In Flanders

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMMAND OF THE R.A.F., TO BE CALLED THE ARMY COOPERATION COMMAND, WITH THE DUTY OF ORGANISING ALL FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE, WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY. AIR MARSHAL SIR A. S. BARRATT IS APPOINTED AIR OFFICER COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF OF THE NEW COMMAND.

Simultaneously wide changes are announced in the R.A.F. Higher Command. Air Vice-Marshal W. S. Douglas is appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, in place of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, from a date in the near future. Douglas is promoted Air Marshal (temporary).

Air Marshal Dowding, at the special request of the Minister of Aircraft Production, is being seconded to the latter's department for special duty in the United States.

Air Vice-Marshal A. T. Harris is appointed Deputy Chief of Air Staff in place of Air Marshal Douglas.

Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd is promoted Air Marshal (acting) and appointed deputy to the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief in the Middle East Command.

Air Marshal E. L. Gossage is appointed Air Officer Commanding the Balloon Command in place of Air Marshal Boyd.

Air Vice-Marshal P. Badington is promoted Air Marshal (acting) and becomes air member of personnel in place of Air Marshal Gossage.

#### Sir Arthur Barratt

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Sheridan Barratt first came into the news in the present war when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British air forces in France.

This was a new appointment to ensure the most effective support by the R.A.F. for the B.E.F. and French armies on the western front.

It is noteworthy that all but one of the new men are under 50.

Announcing the new Command the Air Ministry says the Air Ministry and War Office jointly considered how best to secure the most effective basis of cooperation between the Army and Air Force and a detailed scheme is being drawn up covering all aspects of Army air requirements and training.

#### All Squadrons

Principal feature of the new arrangements is the decision to set up a command of the R.A.F. to be called the Army Cooperation Command, which will comprise all squadrons allotted to army formations in the United Kingdom, together with the associated training units.

Primary function of this command will be to organise experiments and training in all forms of cooperation between the two Services.

The operational employment of the squadrons will rest as hitherto with the commanders of army formations to which they are allotted.

The Army Cooperation Command will be under an air officer commander-in-chief and a senior army officer is being appointed as head of his Air Staff.

Air Staffs of the Command and its subordinate formations will consist of Army and R.A.F. officers in roughly equal proportions.

#### Lesson Of Experience

Formation of this Command, says the Air Ministry, is the

outcome of a system of cooperation which was steadily built between the two Services over a long period and the new organisation is designed to accord with the lessons of recent operational experience.

The Army Cooperation Command with its joint Staff will work in constant association with the Army and Air Force commands concerned.

It will ensure rapid development of army cooperation technique and foster a common understanding of all aspects of inter-Service cooperation.

The new Command is to be established on December 1, 1940. —Reuter.

### QUICK RAID REPAIRS

#### Minister's Call To Councils

The need for speedy repairs to property damaged in air-raids is stressed by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, in a circular sent to local authorities.

He emphasises the importance of adopting methods to ensure "first aid" for houses which the owners are not repairing themselves. The aim of the local authorities in all cases, it is stated, should be to see that, before long, work is undertaken, no damaged house capable of repair is left with roof and windows uncovered. The simplest and quickest method should be adopted.

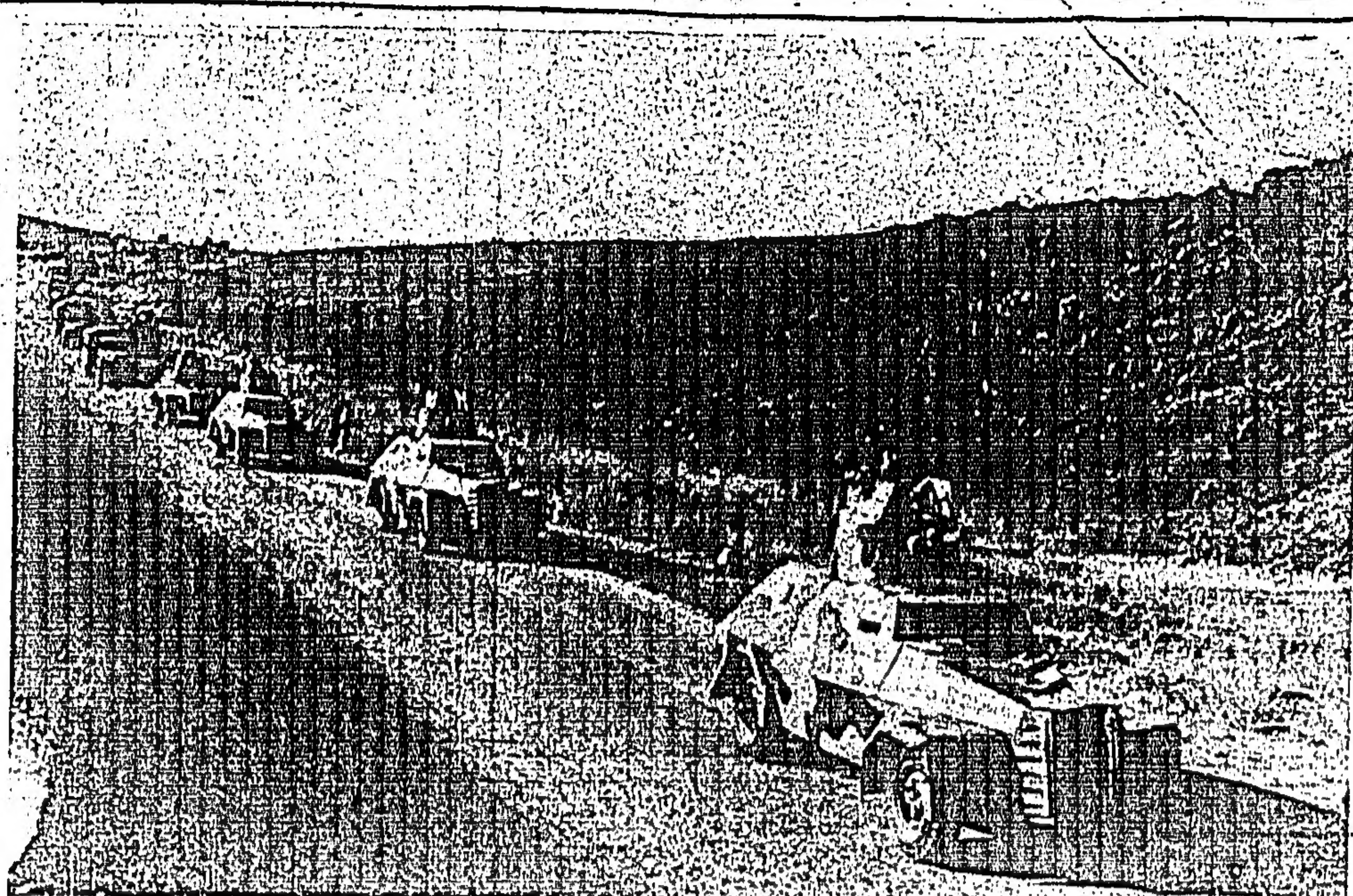
To complete emergency work speedily, roofing felt, asbestos sheeting, and tarpaulins, where obtainable, should be used for roofs. The practice of local authorities, whose areas have been raided on several occasions, of reglazing a quarter or a third of the window surface is commended.

It is strongly recommended that arrangements should be made by neighbouring local authorities for mutual help in the shape of both labour and materials.

#### ROBBERY REPORT

A theft of \$740 in money, jewellery and clothing, from the second floor of No. 9, Hillwood Road, was reported by the occupants of the flat last night.

The money and articles, which included \$255 in cash, a gold pocket-watch, in cash at \$325, and a suit, was said to have occurred between 6.30 p.m. on Sunday and 5 p.m. yesterday.



South African armoured cars on the move "somewhere in Africa." (Copyright, Fox).

### NEWS BEHIND 'THE NEWS'

Certain remarks let slip by the German Radio during the past week have caused people in Britain to ask themselves certain questions which the Germans might find difficult to answer — at least, to answer honestly and truthfully.

For instance, the German Radio said that "the former Chief Inspector of Police has been appointed to an important supervisory post in the German Army."

In London, people are asking: Is increased police supervision in the German Army necessary? If so, why?

The German Radio said: "A large number of German technicians are busy at German-occupied bases in France replacing and repairing aeroplane engines."

Have German planes received such extensive and heavy damage in their attacks on Britain, or is this necessary because of the use of poor materials in German engine construction?

Finally, the German Radio said: "During an attack on London, the machine-gun of a bomber froze, as the temperature was so far below 30 degrees."

Is British anti-aircraft fire forcing the German raiders to fly as high as all that? — Reuter.

### TAXIMAN'S REPORT

THAT A EUROPEAN PASSENGER HAD REFUSED TO PAY THE TAXI FARE WAS THE ALLEGATION MADE IN A REPORT TO THE POLICE BY A TAXI DRIVER, LI YEUNG, YESTERDAY.

Li alleged that at about 8.10 on Friday, he was summoned to Argyle Street. There a European couple, boarded the taxi. After seeing his woman companion home, the European ordered Li to return to the address in Argyle Street.

After leaving the taxi, the European, alleged Li, refused to pay the fare and disappeared into the building.

The Police are investigating the matter.

The French ship, s.s. Canton, arrived in Macao on Saturday afternoon from Haiphong, completing its third voyage following the inauguration of the new shipping service.

The vessel carried 37 passengers, mostly Chinese, and a cargo of coal. — Our Own Correspondent.

### AIR TRAINING SCHEME FOR THE RED ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS YESTERDAY ORDERED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS FOR AIRMEN IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KURSK, GORKI, KIEV AND KHARKOV.

Students will be between the ages of 16 and 18 and the schools will be affiliated with military aviation schools of the Red Army and will open on January 21 next year. — Havas.

### NAZI ACTIVITY IN U.S.A.

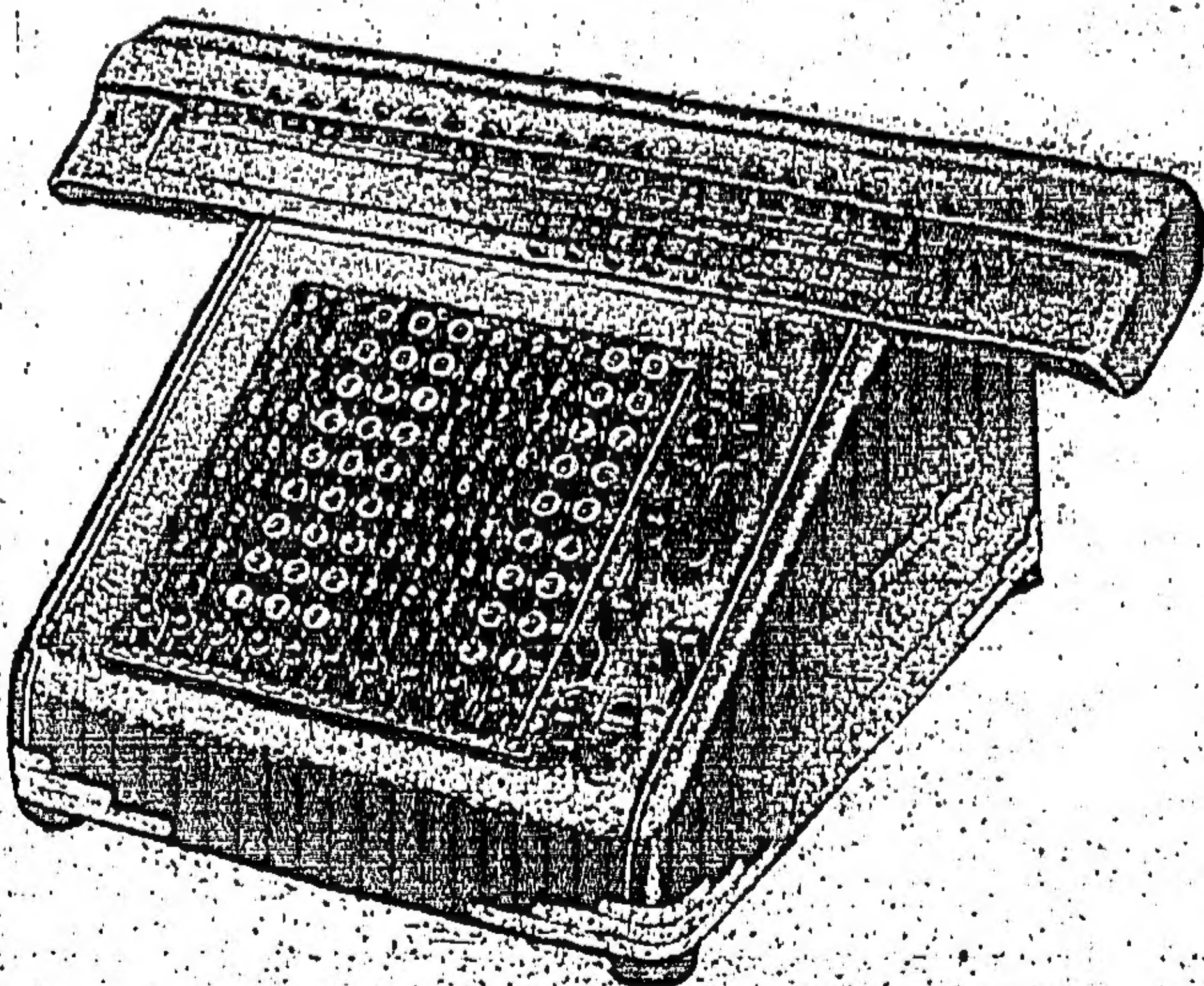
A 500-PAGE REPORT ON SUBVERSIVE GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED. MR. MARTIN DIES, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SAID YESTERDAY.

The report, he said, will deal with 5th Column activities by German consuls and agents.

He promised that a similar report on Italian agents and their work will follow very shortly. — Reuter.

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# ARABS EXPECTED TO RALLY TO BRITAIN

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent).  
AS THE WAR DEVELOPS in the Mediterranean and Middle East attention is becoming increasingly focussed on the great central mass of countries usually called the Arab States.

Nearly all these countries belonged to the old Turkish Empire and they now have not only many different forms of government but also different degrees of independence.

Truly independent States are Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen, and next come Syria, Lebanon and Trans-Jordan, which have their own governments but are under the guidance of a mandatory power.

Then come Palestine, which is directly governed by the mandatory power, and the smaller protectorate of Aden.

The attitude of all these States is vastly important at the present time. Iraq, like Egypt, is allied to Britain but she has not declared war though all her relations with Britain's enemies have been broken off.

Her army consists of three divisions which are being trained by a British military mission.

## Pro-Ally

Saudi Arabia may be regarded as pro-Ally. Saudi Arabia is bound to Iraq by treaty of Arab brotherhood and alliance.

Yemen also subscribed to this treaty.

Difficulties over the past years in Palestine have been great but there are many indications now that the Arabs are giving the famous White Paper a trial.

Those who fled the country have now returned and many arms have been surrendered. British troops must remain there on protective duties at least for the time being. — Reuter.

## WORTHY PHOENIX?

Despite the R.A.F. and London's literally — rattling good A.A. guns, a good deal more damage will probably be done to London yet, writes William Hickey in the "Daily Express."

This blitzkrieg might even lead to almost such an opportunity for big-scale planning and rebuilding as the Great Fire did. Architecture as a profession has been killed by the war; the post-war clear-up should be its resurrection. Meanwhile, it might still be remembered that several leading architects did useful work some time ago, with other technicians, in planning really sound deep shelters.

Wren, rebuilding the City after the Fire, produced a majestic general plan, with spacious streets and avenues. It was turned down by the conservative bureaucrats of his day: such wide street were "hopelessly uneconomic" (as the modern bureaucratic jargon goes).

Had Wren's plan been accepted, not only would the City now be worthier of this capital, instead of a conglomeration of higgledy-piggledy lanes from which only the steeples of Wren's churches can be admired; but inestimable millions of pounds, wasted in traffic-jams in the last generation, would have been saved to the financier descendants of the 17th century obstructionists.

Another thing: suppose St. Paul's had been destroyed the other day by that time-bomb. Suppose another gets it.

Shall we build a replica of the familiar old dome?

Much as I like it, I hope not. The old St. Paul's that the Fire destroyed was Gothic; with a tall pointed steeple. No doubt lots of people wanted Wren to rebuild it as it had been.

He built something new, an expression of his age. Our new Renaissance slummary. (I hope it won't be necessary to cover the glass with adhesive net.)

## DIED FROM BEETLE BITE

Bitten by a Rove Beetle, an insect commonly known as the "devil's coach-horse," a five-year-old Leicester boy, Anthony Bancroft, died later from blood poisoning. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded by the Leicester coroner.

Professor P. A. H. Muschamp said that he thought this was the first case on record of a "devil's coach-horse" harming anyone.

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## LADY ASTOR'S REPLY TO CRITICISMS

A GREAT DEAL too much has been made, in quarters always very ready to seize the smallest opportunity for criticism, of the recommendations mentioned in the Report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure, about the organisation of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Lady Astor, in an interview remarked that the Report has been badly handled by some sections of the popular Press. Many of its recommendations, she said, have actually been carried out, and others are being carried out.

She explained that the A.T.S. was raised originally by Mr. Hore-Belisha on a Territorial basis under the Territorial Army Association.

### An Amazing Success

At that time, she recalled, Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan went to the War Office and asked that the first step in the formation of the A.T.S. should be the training of a competent body of officers. That request was turned down.

"In July, 1939, however, Dame Helen was sent to the War Office as Director of the Auxiliary Territorial Service. From that moment, and in spite of the wrong basis on which the Service was

started, the facts show," she pointed out, "that so far from being a failure it has been, under Dame Helen, an amazing success."

"Look at its record. There are at the present time nearly 40,000 women in the Service who are replacing and releasing men for the fighting forces. And not only that, the Army are asking for thousands more women. That speaks for itself, doesn't it?"

### Mistakes Rectified

"We fully realise that the Service has its imperfections. It is not surprising, seeing the way in which it was started, that mistakes should have been made in the beginning.

"These mistakes are being rectified. Take the question of food, for example. This matter was taken in hand some time ago, and the rationing is all being remodelled on a generous and scientific basis. Billeting arrangements have also been rectified nearly everywhere. And we should like to see the officers with the status of the Army, and the women under military law; the women themselves are asking for it.

"One of the criticisms has been that the officers do not look after the welfare of the women. That may have been the case here and there, but, speaking for the Service generally, the welfare of the women has been watched and is being watched."

We spoke of the cry that has been raised that titled women dominate the Service.

"That is nonsense," she said. "No one can go into the organisation now and say it is a case of privileged women being given special positions. It is the main body of the women themselves who are doing the jobs. It is true I have heard of flighty young officers, but there are very few really. The average age of officer cadets is thirty, which, I think, is a good thing."

### In The Last War

"It is easy enough to criticise the work of women in war-time. But remember how magnificent was all they did in the last war. In this war it is even more magnificent. I am tremendously proud of the services of women.

"And with regard to the splendid work Dame Helen is doing, instead of criticising it we should all be very grateful to her."

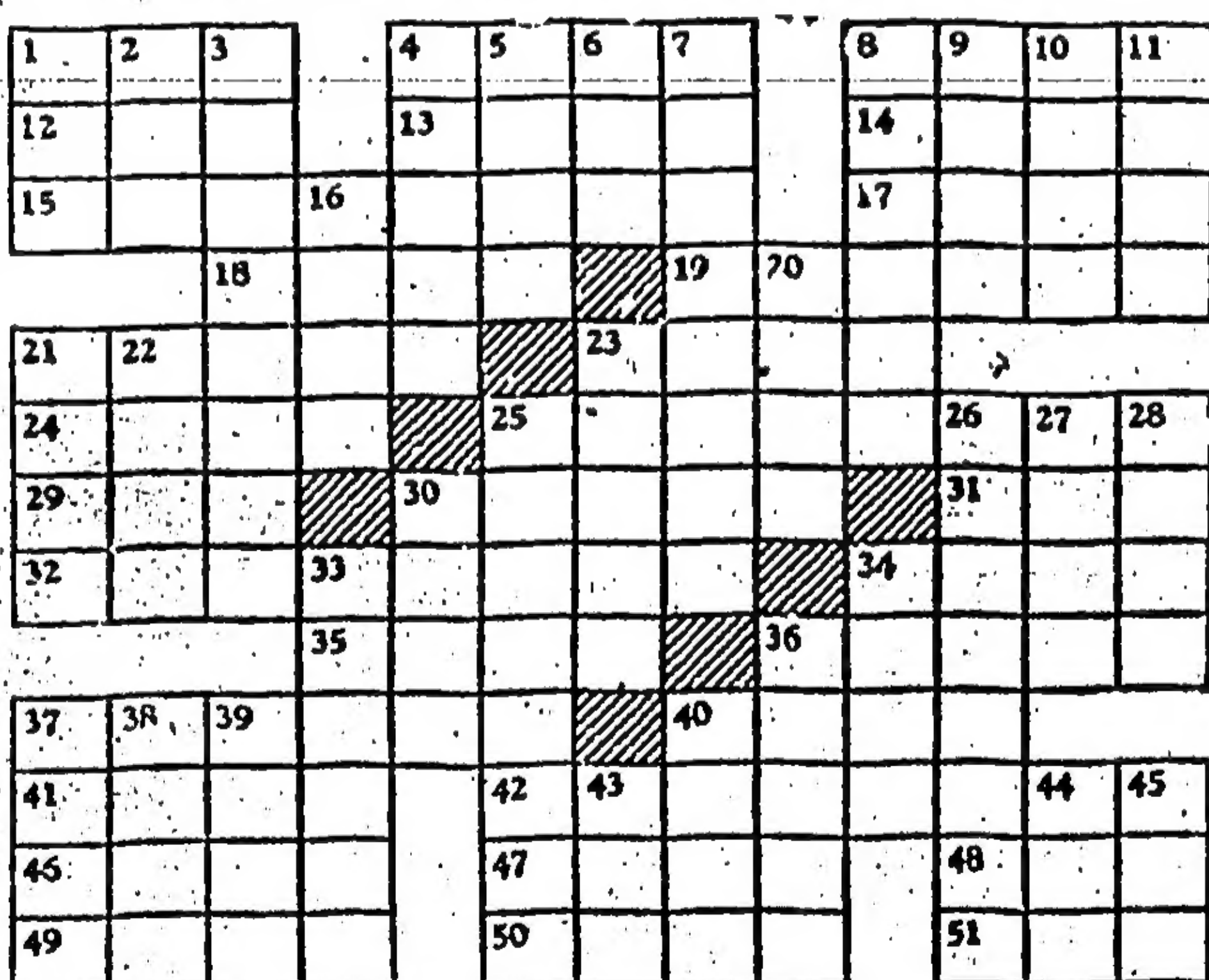
"It seems to be the fashion in wartime for some people to take a delight in criticism. Personally, I have found Dame Helen always ready to listen to any legitimate complaint. And if women would go to her with any complaints they have instead of starting rumours she would always be grateful. Instead of resenting it she is always very grateful for constructive criticism."

### Civilian Women's Courage

Lady Astor referred to the courage of the women in the Service, and went on to say that though she was not talking then of civilian women, yet she must add a word about the very fine spirit they are showing. "For glorious courage, I think," she said, "it would be hard for anyone to beat that of the telephone girls who for five hours stuck to their job in a room directly above an unexploded time-bomb. You know the story. In the excitement of battle most people can do brave things, but this was cool courage."

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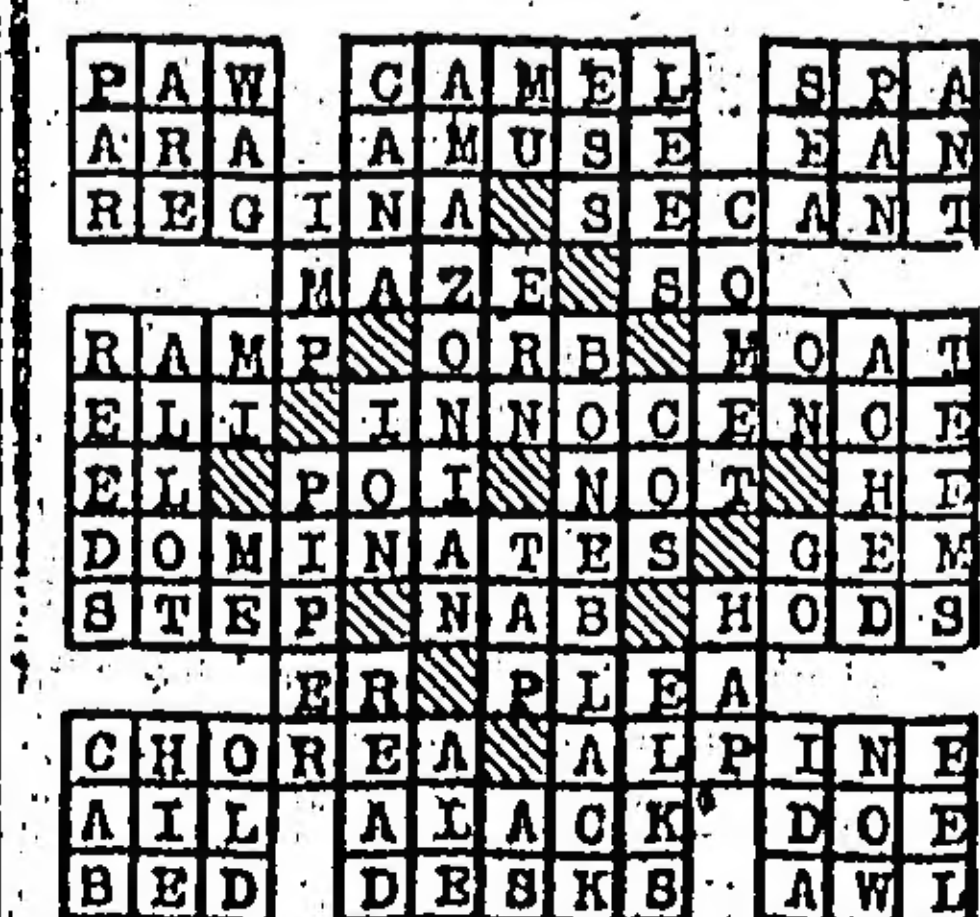
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- 1 To cut short
- 4 Fish sauce
- 8 Soaks
- 12 Literary scraps
- 13 Bun
- 14 Malaysian vessel
- 15 Tropical shrub
- 17 Sounded
- 18 Teutonic alphabetic character
- 19 Disburses
- 20 Country in Asia
- 23 Large continent
- 24 Prevaricates
- 25 Small fragments
- 29 To be mistaken
- 30 Leaf in a flower cluster
- 31 Prefix: new
- 32 Decorative garlands
- 34 To pursue
- 35 Sea eagles
- 36 Latin: earth
- 37 To fondle
- 41 Execute

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Sack
- 2 South
- 3 American language
- 3 Obstructions
- 4 Place of combat
- 5 Sole
- 6 High priest
- 7 Ancient works of art
- 8 To unfurl
- 9 Algerian seaport
- 10 Small lake
- 11 Sinks
- 12 Demands for payment
- 16 Liquid measure
- 21 Music character
- 22 To rent
- 23 Wolfhounds
- 25 Forepart of building
- 26 Inherent powers
- 27 To nurture
- 28 Beverage
- 30 Tiresome person
- 33 Examiner
- 34 City in Nevada
- 36 Woods
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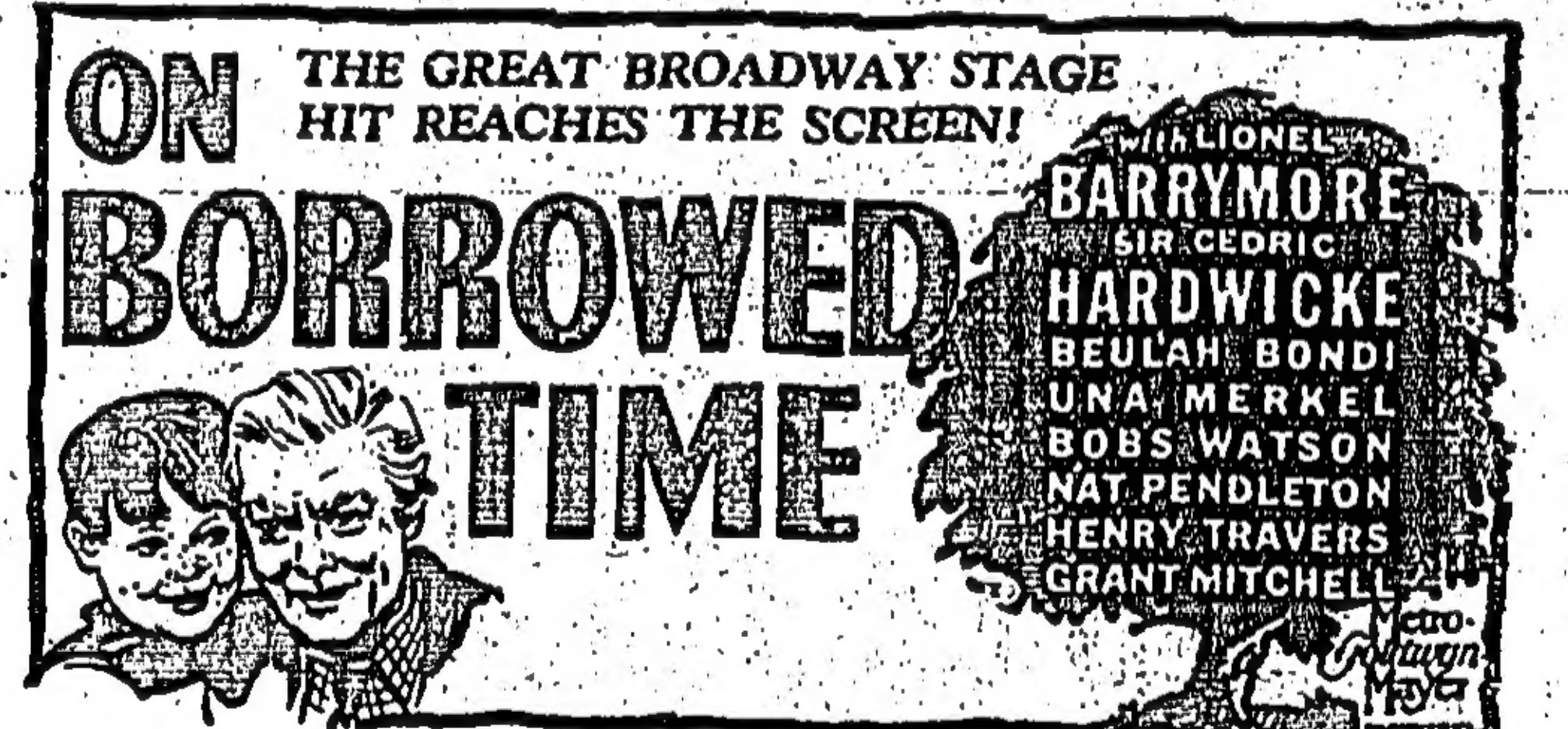


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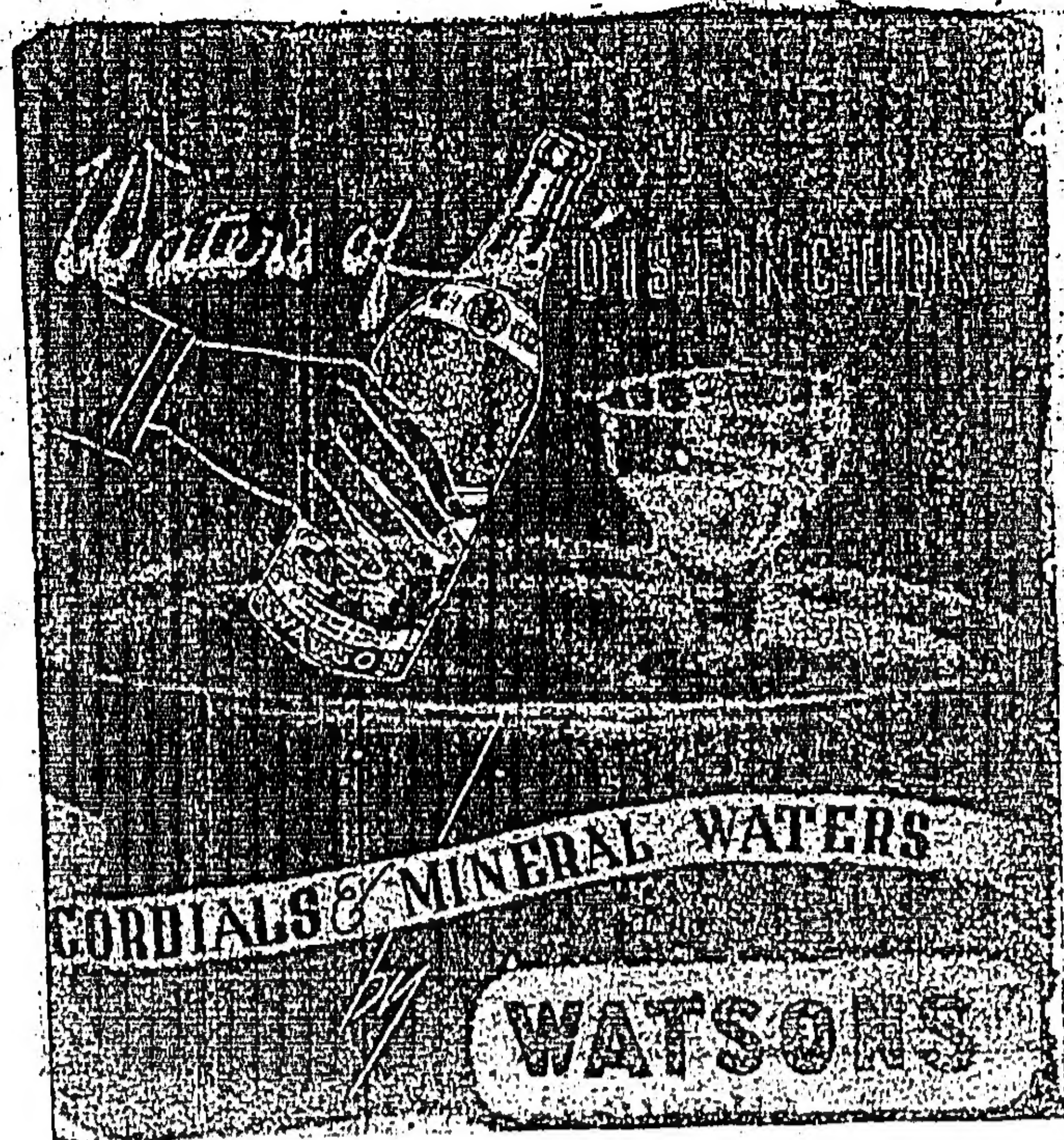
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# A CRITICAL STAGE IN AIR WAR

WHILE THE ATTACKS on Great Britain by the German Air Force continue, the position becomes clearer.

During all this month the chief efforts of the enemy have been directed against the Royal Air Force. Fighter stations along the south coast of England have been subjected to heavy attacks day after day. Naturally material damage was done, but no aerodrome has been put out of action for long.

By night the raiders have flown further afield and have attempted to attack industrial targets, but their lack of training in night flying has resulted in far less profit than has been gained by our bomber squadrons over Germany and Italy.

## The Daylight Raids

The whole direction of German policy still points to one aim—that of invasion. A necessary preliminary was the wearing down and final knocking out of the R.A.F. in the locality selected for the main offensive or invasion. So far the results have been less than negligible, for after a month of furious assault our fighter and bomber strength in men and machines stands higher than ever. The spirit and enthusiasm of the Royal Air Force were never higher.

To gain a fuller understanding of the present position of the air war at a decisive stage in the battle we must examine the separate aspects of the scene.

First of all there are the massed attacks launched with monotonous regularity about three times a day and repelled with heavy losses just as regularly. During the past week the fighter escorts to the bombers engaged in these raids have been more than doubled, until forty enemy bombers are often escorted by protective screens of something like 120 fighters.

That greatly increased proportion of fighters to bombers in the enemy formations accounts for the smaller ratio of British victories during the past week. Even so the Spitfires, Hurricanes and Defiants are shooting down between two and three enemy machines for every loss they suffer themselves. And that despite and often perhaps because of the vastly greater numbers of the enemy in individual engagements. For big formations are unwieldy in defence.

Except on one or two isolated occasions, when small formations have slipped through unobserved, all these daylight attacks have been turned back near the coast.

## Our Advantage

Some people wonder why the air raid warnings by day nearly always last between three-quarters of an hour and an hour and a quarter. The reason lies chiefly in the limited endurance of the enemy's escorting fighters.

In normal conditions the Messerschmidt 109 has an endurance of 2½ hours. With fighting on the way this may be reduced to less than two hours. Lack of ammunition after a scrap also drives them home. A Messerschmidt 109 carries ammunition for not more than forty seconds of firing. Our own fighters, "playing at home," have the advantage; for they can attack in relays and return to re-arm and refuel at speed.

The results of this month of daylight attacks are encouraging in that they show that the Fighter Command can deal faithfully with any aeroplanes the Germans can send against us, even when they are served up in greatly superior numbers.

## The Night Raids

The quality of the men as much as the quality of the equipment contributes to this great success. The enthusiasm of the eager volunteer is always more than a match for the regimented fanaticism of the enemy type. The devotion to duty of the type of man who would rather forgo leave than miss a scrap is worth far more than the over-excited, over-anxious, and over-wrought attitude of men of the German Air Force who allow their passion for the

new Germany to run away with their discretion and skill.

Although the daylight attacks have so far formed the spearhead of the German attacks, the night raids are gradually growing in intensity. They must be expected to grow in scale.

For the past three months heavy bomber units of the Luftwaffe have been training in Eastern Germany for extensive night-flying operations. They have been completing that training over England, first with their aim chiefly as "nuisance value." More lately, as their experience grew they have aimed at aircraft factories and industrial plants. Even so the efforts of the German night raiders, still haphazard and badly judged, do not compare with the studied and effective attacks by our night bombers over Germany. We are dropping bomb for bomb and doing far more damage to the selected targets.

So far the German night raiders have been favoured with good weather. First there was a moon and now a succession of bright starlight nights. These conditions are ideal for the training which the German crews so much need. They have proved ideal as well for the training of our own searchlights and anti-aircraft defences. They have shown the tremendous odds weighted against successful interception at night. In fact, our night-flying fighters—chiefly two-motor Blenheims—have done well to shoot down several of the raiders.

## When Dark Night Comes

When the bad weather comes, with low cloud and absolute darkness, we must expect a certain amount of morally indefensible promiscuous "splash" bombing by the enemy. He will not dare to come down below the cloud base for fear of barrage balloons. He may be sitting up in the clear sky above the clouds. But even the most enthusiastic exponent of astronomical navigation does not claim to be able to fix his position by star sights nearer than two miles to any point.

We shall have some heavy bombing to face in the near future. But with the experience of the past month we can face it with confidence. It will be more unpleasant, but we can attack it. It will be still more unpleasant for the Germans. Their regimented spirit may not stand up so well in the long run. The greatest responsibility of all lies not with the Fighter and Bomber Commands—they have proved their mettle—but with the thousands of workers of the aircraft and allied industries at home. We have wrested the lead in aircraft production from the enemy. His production is being decreased by the repeated raids of the R.A.F. We must maintain our own output and replace every machine lost with two more. So far we are nearly doing that. Nothing must prevent its continuance.

## The A.A. Gunners

A word of praise should be said for the often-forgotten anti-aircraft gun, which provides an inner ring of defence and have on occasion—done—magnificently. There is one recorded instance in which a battery brought down seven German aeroplanes in nine shots and received congratulations from the King. There is perhaps a tendency on the part of the Fighter Command to keep the gunners in leading strings, and to answer grumbles with examples of fatal errors in the past. That may be natural.

A deeper schooling in the recognition of aircraft would make possible the trusting of gunners with more initiative. Too often

# MORE LOOT FROM FRANCE

The looting by the Germans of all stocks and crops in occupied France has since been amply confirmed. Day after day news comes from various sources that supplies of food are more and more coming under the organised plundering of the invader.

The spreading of such news seems greatly to disturb the Germans. Their propaganda claims that the populations of the invaded countries will be starving next winter, and various appeals have been made to America. It was anticipated that whole cargoes of foodstuffs would be cleared through the British blockade and reach French ports where, in spite of all pledges, the invaders would first make their choice.

The Press of Western Switzerland, particularly, has printed detailed reports from over the French border which have caused much annoyance to the Germans. In retaliation, they have closed the frontier, and even Swiss farmers who cultivate fields across it are refused all access to them.

The reports say that the peasants in the Jura valleys and the Pays de Gex are forbidden to thresh, to gather potatoes, and to slaughter pigs and cattle without a written permit delivered by a German official. Sixty per cent. of the crops is sent to Germany in sealed bags.

All men, even Customs officers, are compelled to work on the land and the repair of roads, and women are forbidden to knit or do needlework in the day-time, as they must help in farm work. As to the products of the cheese-dairies of the Jura—the famous Gruyere, Septmoncel, and Chevret—they are packed off wholesale for the enjoyment of Teutonic palates.

## Wine And Cider Harvests

In Normandy and Brittany, where cider is the common drink, owners of apple orchards cannot brew without the written authorisation laying down the permitted weight to be brewed. All the crop in excess is seized and piled into trucks, in long trains bound for Germany, with the quip sometimes chalked on their sides, "For Ribbentrop, ersatz champagne."

The same regions, with Poitou and Charente, are large butter and cheese-producing districts. There also private and co-operative dairies work under the supervision of a German official, who makes a clean sweep of their products.

The vineyards of the Loire and Champagne, where the grape harvest is abundant this year, are under the same rule. No wine-press is allowed to be used without its German overseer, who checks its output in view of possible theft.

The result of all this systematic plundering will be a serious shortage during the winter. As the same thorough process is applied in Belgium, Holland, Denmark, and Poland, the European populations now under the German heel face the prospect of starvation.

the work of instruction in identification is left to the individual initiative of the men themselves. The system of training in identification needs completely overhauling. Though its difficulties are immense it is of vital importance.

With losses of 20 per cent. and more in every daylight attack no enemy aeroplane crosses our coast more than four times before it is shot down. In one month of attacks the Germans have furthered their strategic preparations not one whit.



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## ITALY'S DILEMMA

Italy's next moves in the series of rude shocks of the last week or two must be causing many sleepless nights in Rome.

The grave misjudgment of the strength of Greek resistance was bad enough in itself. It became a first-class tactical blunder when it gave Britain the extremely valuable naval base of Crete, athwart the passage to Libya and to the Dodecanese. The disaster of Taranto—the loss of three Italian battleships—is now definitely confirmed—robs Il Duce of the most obvious retort, to give battle to the British Fleet.

As things stand, his dilemma is acute. If the attack on Egypt is not soon launched, it never will be. It would not be surprising therefore if signs of activity at Sidi Barrani were soon detected.

Italy's forces are said to be ready for an advance along the coastal road towards Alexandria. In the East she has been so long meditating an advance on Khartum from Kassala and on Port Sudan, which is Khartum's natural link with the outer world that the initiative is passing. The third report of her hopes to cross Egypt's deserts from the depths of Libya and, after five hundred waterless miles, to reach the Nile at Wadi Halfa seems the fruit of someone's too heroic imagination. She may strike at Alexandria across the desert to make an alternative threat to the one along the coast, but she is hardly likely to go lower than the Siwa oasis, which itself is two hundred miles from the sea and provides difficulties in plenty. We shall not underestimate the Italians; they had little opposition in Somaliland, but made none of the expected mistakes and did things easily—like the advance along the coast—which people in high places said they could not do at all. Beyond their talents they have great superiority in numbers, for what it is worth in a region in which numbers are hard to maintain. Against them we have the promise of Egyptian aid, and we have there some of the finest troops to be found in the Empire. The fleet, which Italy always feared to engage, has been enlarged. To-day the Near East is more important than Britain, for beyond

When on the morning of the 4th May of last year the news spread abroad in Europe that Litvinoff had been overthrown, and that Molotov was his successor, there could only have been a few who were acquainted with the name of the latter. This was somewhat remarkable as Molotov had been already for nine years Chairman of the Council of the People's Commissars of the Soviet Union, a position corresponding somewhat to that of prime minister in some European States. He still keeps this position in addition to that of Minister of Foreign Affairs. On the other hand this was not surprising, because Molotov belongs to that Russian-Asiatic type whose face is not the index to the mind, and indeed to a European observer his appearance seems almost entirely without interest. Of an unassuming exterior, medium height, loose hair, he is one whose whole appearance reminded one of the Russian 'intelligentsia' of pre-war days. With their somewhat limited provincial outlook, there is nothing brilliant or anything striking about him. A crowd of people polished by the grinding stream of the Revolution and cast up to the surface.

However, it was everywhere perceived that with the deposition of Litvinoff, a definite phase of the foreign policy of the Union of Soviets had come to an end. Litvinoff was generally overrated on the European stage, upon which he smoothly but often grotesquely moved. He never belonged to the inner circle of the Soviet Administration. He was always an agent merely, and was utilised as a facade by Stalin in that period when it was the concern of the Kremlin to make a pretence of levelling up to the Western democracies.

Molotov is in many ways just the opposite of his predecessor Litvinoff, who was of Jewish birth. He is Russian and was formerly called Skryabin. The name Molotov—it means something like 'hammerman'—he assumed (as Stalin did) during the Great War as a revolutionary nom-de-guerre. The career of the 50 year old Molotov corresponds in all

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respects to that of one of the old Bolshevik revolutionaries.

While still a school-boy he became connected with the Comintern and was banished to Siberia. In 1917 he worked with Stalin on the editorial staff of the then illegal 'Pravda', and, later, in the Revolutionary Committee which prepared the October rising. Since then he has been in the train of Stalin in his movement from phase to phase, as his true shadow, he was

ready in the last days of Lenin, a strong opponent of Trotsky, indeed almost the only opponent in the then Soviet bureaucracy. In the nine years in which he worked as Chairman of the Council of the People's Commissars, he has made many long speeches at Party Congresses, and in them hardly a single, original thought is to be found.

Like Stalin he is that type of the former Bolshevik revolutionaries who has never lived out of Russia.

He knows no foreign language, and even in Russian he is handicapped by an impediment of speech. The only characteristic which, when mention is made of Molotov, is always repeated, is his 'fidelity to Stalin.' He is a tenacious organiser, for whom the foreign political field is not entirely new, since he for years functioned as middle-man between Stalin and Litvinoff.

With his taking over of the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, this 'Stalinisation' of Soviet-Russian diplomacy was first really brought to fruition. Of the three Jews who occupied the Embassies in Rome, Paris and London, Stein, the Ambassador in Rome, has disappeared. The termination of the careers of the others is only a matter of time. This is all in accordance with the new policy, namely, the elimination of Jewish influence, and, as Stalin himself said a few months ago, 'the Soviet Union does not intend any longer to take the chestnuts out of the fire for the democratic Powers.'

Litvinoff's fall must be attributed to the fact that he was too compliant vis a vis England. After the entry of Molotov into office the representatives of the Western Powers were again and again rebuffed. What significance could this have? The Kremlin wished to use the opportunity to demonstrate that the Soviet Union, which since the mis-carriage of the Red-Spanish adventure, seemed to have been squeezed out diplomatically from Europe, did not intend to re-enter upon the political chess-board as a mere pawn. Pursuing this line of action matters were so arranged that British negotiations ended in failure.

Molotov is universally known in Moscow by the nickname of 'the steel back,' an untranslatable play upon Stalin's name, which means 'steel.' It is clear that the Kremlin believes that the policy that was ushered in with the pact with France and continued with the Soviet's entry into the League of Nations, must be cast overboard as having been unsuccessful. New alignments must be made, and Molotov will be the cold-blooded executor of these. 'Twentieth Century,' Berlin.

# Hitler's Star May Wane In The East

Though the war round our coasts and over our cities and the threat of invasion from the French ports continues to engage public attention, it is undoubtedly a source of anxiety to Hitler and Mussolini that we can spare more than a little thought to the Mediterranean; thought, moreover, backed up by strong reinforcements to our Mediterranean fleet, and to our armies and Air Force in Africa.

Comings and goings between Berlin, Rome, and Madrid have been concerned primarily with Gibraltar and its neighbourhood, while in the Eastern Mediterranean, Syria and the Arab world are receiving blandishments from Italy; and to back those blandishments up in the East, as in Spain, Britain is being represented as 'practically' beaten.

Here, then, is the diplomatic prelude to the opening of what may well prove to be the greatest naval and military drama that the Mediterranean has seen in its thousands of years of war experience.

Hitler is about to stage his attack on the British Empire

the canal, at which Italy aims, lies the oil which Germany cannot for long do without. The assault on the free Empire may begin at any moment, from other points as well as Egypt, and it is indeed the greatest challenge we have ever faced. But because the only good future for the world hangs on our success we shall stand firm and gain it.

as the only alternative to his failure to frighten us by his Blitzkrieg into making peace.

He is, in fact, and of necessity, repeating Napoleon's strategy.

The diplomatic activities upon which Hitler and Mussolini are engaged point to what may be called an Outer War and an Inner War.

The Outer War is concerned with the raising of the blockade

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of the Mediterranean; if this remains intact, it must render any military successes within the blockade barren, because they cannot win for Italy what she must have—cargoes from the extra-European world.

Hence the feverish efforts of the Axis to obtain the means of making Gibraltar untenable for the Navy, and, to a less degree, Aden.

With these two sea-gates securely in our hands, the blockade of Europe will go on regardless of military developments within its stranglehold.

The Outer War—the blockade—has been joined since the day that war was declared; in spite of severe losses and anxieties it has gone heavily against the Axis,

their victories over weak Powers in Europe notwithstanding.

The Inner War against Britain is now opening in Egypt, a defeat of the Axis on land in this historic country may well prove us Waterloo. Hence the overwhelming importance of pending events in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The relative strength of the opposing forces on the Libyan and Sudan frontiers are not generally known, though the numerical superiority of the Italian armies at the moment is widely assumed.

## Sea-Power The Key

But the key to this military campaign still lies with sea power. So long as we are dominant in the outer seas, our land and air forces can be steadily reinforced and supplied from the East and round the Cape from the West.

If, however, our dominance inside the Mediterranean were successfully challenged, the Axis could reinforce their African and Near Eastern armies across the narrows of the Mediterranean.

The war would thus become a vast land campaign—a veritable Arrangeddon in that little corner of the world. Forecast as the scene of the great battle of the nations and the theatre in which Hitler, in his recent Sportspalast speech, prophesied that 'millions must die' if we refused to be intimidated into making peace.

That, briefly, is the strategical position with which the British Commonwealth is faced.

We have an army of incomparable soldiers in the Near East and a great reservoir of reinforcements at home and in the Dominions.

The Arab world, and the Palestine Jews, are coming together with Britain to resist the onslaught on our common liberties.

Between Germany and the scene of coming conflict lie Turkey and Syria. By sea alone—so far as can at present be foreseen—can German and Italian reinforcements reach their African armies.

## Importance Of Bases

Threatening that narrow sea-crossing is the British Navy, strongly reinforced within the last few weeks.

But the Navy must have a secure base from which to operate in the Eastern Mediterranean; hence the importance of Alexandria, and other minor bases for small craft such as Haifa and Cyprus.

There is no doubt that Hitler and Mussolini had calculated on the ability of their bombers and submarines to dominate these narrow seas and thus to sterilise our sea-power. Just as Hitler had hoped to do in the English Channel.

But just as Hitler has been disappointed here, so is Mussolini being disappointed there. The Navy keeps the sea while the Italian battle fleet lurks in harbour.

In the coming weeks the land battle for Alexandria, and the intrigues to sterilise our blockade at Gibraltar from the land, will share with the attack on Britain the attention of the world.



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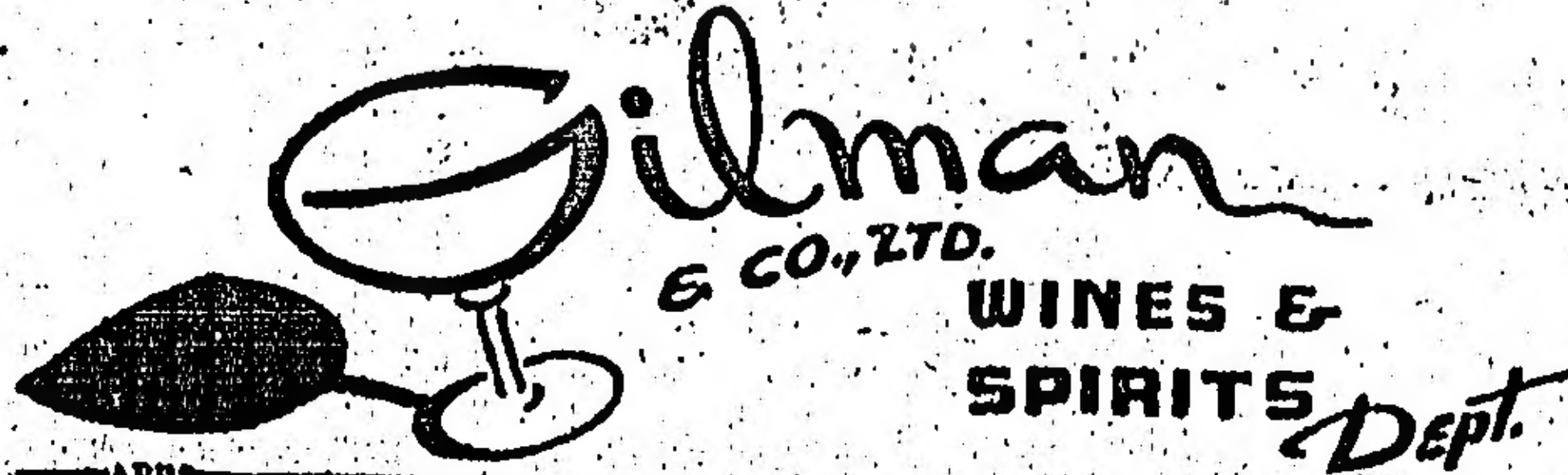


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LONDON'S TERRIFIC anti-aircraft barrage again proved most effective throughout the dark hours. Although enemy raiders dropped bombs in many parts of the capital, the aiming was inaccurate.

Earlier in the day low-lying clouds had obscured the raiders, but with the rising of the moon the skies cleared, and it was possible for the searchlights to pick up lone raiders and to hold them for action by our fighters. At least one raider was dispatched by this means.

The pilot of a fighter on patrol over London saw searchlights concentrate on a point several miles to the north. A Heinkel 111 bomber was held in their beams, and for twenty minutes the fighter gave chase.

Though some of the searchlights had lost the enemy, three or four of them still held him. When the fighter opened fire the Heinkel dropped bombs to lighten its load. At the same time bullets from the Heinkel's rear-gun hit the windscreen and wing of the fighter. But the fighter's bullets had struck home and the Heinkel dropped flaming out of the sky. Following it down, the fighter pilot saw the explosion as it crashed.

Four other raiders, unable to penetrate the heavy gunfire, were tackled by British fighters over a south-eastern town, and one is reported to have been brought down. Another was severely damaged in a machine-gun duel and it was seen to be losing height rapidly as it made for the coast chased by two Spitfires.

### 8½ Hours' Raid Warning

In the London area the air-raid warning was sounded at approximately nine o'clock at night, and the "all clear" was not given until 5.30 the next morning.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique issued later in the morning stated: "Enemy air attacks during the night were mainly concentrated on the London area and on a town in South Wales.

"The attacks on London were resumed soon after dark, and were again maintained throughout the greater part of the night. Though bombs were dropped in many parts of the capital and its suburbs, most of the damage was caused in the eastern, southern, and south-western districts.

"Dwelling houses and industrial premises in several districts were damaged, and a number of fires were started. Many of the fires have already been extinguished, and all are now under control.

"In South Wales high explosive and incendiary bombs which fell in one town caused some damage to houses and other buildings. Details of the casualties are not yet available.

"An enemy aircraft was shot down by our fighters during the night."

One raider which flew over Central London released a stick of three high explosive bombs. One of the bombs appears to have glanced from the roof of a building. It crashed into the side of a block opposite, where it exploded and brought down a large section of the wall.

The other two dropped in a line forward of this mark and made direct hits on a large block of flats. Each bomb which struck the block blew out a huge section of masonry and destroyed numerous flats on several floors.

All the occupants of the block had taken refuge in the shelters within the building, and there was not a single casualty.

### Houses Demolished

The suburban areas, however, did not escape so lightly.

One of the dormitories of London's city workers in the south-west received a full load of bombs when raiders were diverted from their course by the heavy barrage.

A purely residential district, miles from anything in the nature of a military objective, or even a factory, suffered particularly, but, despite considerable damage, there were scarcely any casualties.

A high explosive bomb fell on the outskirts of a park in South London. Two trees were torn

up by the roots a park shelter collapsed, and a huge crater was made.

In West London a church was seriously damaged and the adjoining vicarage was almost completely demolished when three bombs were dropped. Parts of the exterior walls of the church were shattered when a bomb fell in the churchyard. A portion of the roof collapsed and brought down with it the interior of the church. Every stained-glass window was destroyed.

### 250 Incendiaries

It is estimated that 250 incendiary bombs fell in another West London district, but all with two exceptions were effectively dealt with by stirrup pumps.

One exception was a women's club where the damage also was not great. The other also caused minor damage.

A famous London building was one of the places on which incendiaries were showered. The institution has its own A.R.P. service. The bombs did slight damage to the records department and to some old timber.

Three bombs which fell in a south-west district partly demolished a post office and several houses in streets nearby. The houses were reduced to masses of rubble, and digging continued for several hours.

The rescue party went on with their work despite air-raid alarms. Two or three fatal casualties are feared, but two babies evacuated only a day or two before from the East End had amazing escapes. One, aged only about nine weeks, was found, after four hours' digging, unhurt except for a scratch on the face, clasped in its mother's arms. The baby's little brother aged two and a half, was rescued unconscious. The mother and father were injured.

A theatre in South-East London was set on fire by incendiary bombs and badly damaged before the flames were extinguished.

In another south-east London district a high-explosive bomb struck a maternity hospital. No one was hurt, as all patients and staff were in shelters.

### Casualties In The Provinces

When a bomb dropped near a South-East England urban council control centre three houses were demolished. The control centre was undamaged. Five adults in one of the houses were killed.

A woman was killed when a bomb hit her house in the centre of a South-East coast resort. Bombs fell in a line down a concrete road, making huge craters. Hundreds of windows were broken.

In another South-East coast town, whistling and oil bombs were dropped, and in one of the main streets the Town Hall was damaged.

Considerable damage was done to business and other property. The solitary raider had previously circled round the town. Its first bomb, a high explosive, fell a few yards short of the Town Hall. A piece of concrete from the canopy of the assembly hall was blown 200 yards on to the choir vestry of one of the oldest churches in the town.

Two other bombs fell on the

## HUNDREDS SAVED BY TRANSFUSIONS

Casualties, in the raids on London have necessitated big calls on the blood transfusion service. Supplies of blood are being regularly delivered to the hospitals, often during raids, and hundreds of lives have been saved.

On one day alone supplies representing nearly 300 pints of blood were given by donors.

An S O S for more donors has been made and the response has been magnificent.

## TURKEY WILL FIGHT

INFORMED TURKISH QUARTERS SAID IN ISTANBUL THAT TURKEY HOPES FOR BENEVOLENT RUSSIAN NEUTRALITY IN THE BALKANS AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, BUT THAT TURKEY WILL FIGHT IF SHE IS "VITALLY THREATENED," REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF FOREIGN COMMISSAR V. M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT TO BERLIN.

These quarters added that any movement in Bulgaria against Turkey "would be considered sufficient cause for war."

Molotov's Berlin visit has aroused grave misgivings in Istanbul. Officials were silent but foreign observers expressed the opinion that Turkey was likely to have been the major topic of the Berlin conference.—Associated Press.

## YUGOSLAVS ON GUARD

TURKEY'S NEWSPAPERS URGED YUGOSLAVIA TO STAND FIRM AGAINST ANY NEW AXIS ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE THE BALKANS.

They said it was learned that when the Grecian war broke out Turkey had urged Britain to give every possible aid to Greece. Turkey is increasing her air raid shelters and calling up reservists.

Meanwhile it was learned unofficially in Belgrade that Yugoslav frontier troop concentrations have increased and the borders of the country are being closely guarded especially in the mountain areas adjacent to Albania.—Associated Press.

other side of the Town Hall. The raider gunned a searchlight station, the occupants of which promptly "let go" in reply.

A hole was made in the roof of a library in the town centre, and in the roof of premises next to it. A chapel struck had a large portion torn away. Six casualties, including one fatal, have so far been reported.

The raider sped along the coast over town after town. Incendiaries fell on two neighbouring estates, but teams of householders put fires out with stirrup pumps.



# NEW TACTICS IN THE AIR AND THE R.A.F. REPLY

**INTENSIFICATION OF the German air assault has brought into play the tenacity of the Royal Air Force and the aircraft workers. The civil population in general also showed courage and firmness; but the enemy's main offensive was directed at Royal Air Force bases and at war industries.**

It was on aerodromes and in aircraft factories that the ordeal by bombing reached its harshest pitch. It was withstood magnificently.

The position was unmistakable, and through the haze of official communiques the people of Britain saw it. The Germans were making a second bid to force back the air frontier by causing us to abandon some of our southern aerodromes.

The attacks on factories had this same end in view, for they were intended to lower our aircraft output and keep our fighter forces dispersed.

## Question Of Density

Air frontiers are not lines; they resemble chemical suspensions. The density of the aircraft suspended over an area is the measure of their control over that area. In 1918 the sign of Allied air supremacy was the maintenance both by day and by night of a heavy density of Allied aircraft over enemy territory.

If now the Germans could maintain a sufficient density of bombers over South-east England they would eventually force us to abandon some of our air bases there, and they would have shifted the air frontier to our disadvantage though without actually occupying those aerodromes.

So far they have failed in this enterprise. The signs are that they will fail more signally in the future. The splendid work of the fighter pilots and air gunners, for some of the machines are multi-seaters) and the courageous tenacity of the devoted ground staffs, who work on in spite of attack and in face of the risks of the "personnel" bombs which the Germans have been using against them, have defeated all the enemy's attempts.

(These personnel bombs are so fused that their fragments spread at very flat angles, skimming the grass. They are sometimes dropped from German fighters).

## The Counter-Attack

When most hard pressed the Royal Air Force has been most resolute in its determination to hold on and, when the moment is ripe, to carry the fight back over enemy territory and shift the air frontier outwards from these islands.

The time for the counter-attack may be this year or next. First the Luftwaffe must batter itself against our defences until it is judged to have somewhat abated its numerical preponderance. Then there will be the start of the "twenty-four hours offensive," with offensive fighter patrols over German-occupied territory and with bombing attacks on German targets proceeding round the clock.

Mr. Churchill disclosed in his speech that we had not yet employed our main force in the air. This will be flung in when the counter-attack is begun. It will develop a hitting power far greater than anything of which the world has yet had experience.

## German Strategy

While the Luftwaffe is being allowed to wear itself down on our defences, however, there must be for us an intensification of the ordeal. The present German technique of sending over large formations from which small ones detach themselves to dart out and damage selected objectives is difficult to counter—or even to warn against—and the ratio of British to German aircraft destroyed has been less favourable than at first.

Other reasons for the deterioration in ratio are the wider use by the Germans of the Messerschmidt Jaguar high performance day bomber (a development of the Me 110) and the greater weight of armour carried in the slower

bombers. Some of these now have about 400 lb. of armour, which implies a reduction in bomb load even at these short ranges, but slightly increased safety.

## The Reply

But there are answers to all these things. To the high performance day bomber the answer is the higher performance interceptor fighter; to armour, the cannon; to new tactics, other new tactics. These answers will ensure that the "conquering ratio" will be re-established.

Meanwhile the supreme duty of all those on the ground is best emphasised by a story told last week by a pilot of the Bomber Command. He had been bombing the marshalling yard at Hamm. It is an immense area, almost covered with railway lines, a perfect target. One night, at the culmination of a series of raids, an ammunition train blew up and the pilot believed that the place would be wrecked beyond repair. Yet a few night later, when he went out again, he saw trains running once more.

This illustrates that a vital need in air defence is swiftness in the repair of bomb damage of military importance. Not only must our fighters be fast; but our repair squads also. When aerodromes and factories are hit the repairs must go through at lightning speed. In every field speed is the best counter stroke to air attack. Air war, indeed, is an affair of speed, and the winner is he who flies fastest, manufactures fastest, and repairs fastest.

## GRIM TEST FOR THE A.R.P.

### Long Hours And Big Risks

All will agree with Mr. Herbert Morrison that Civil Defence workers should be honoured in the same way as men of the Services. London's A.R.P., put to the grimmest test, has come through triumphantly.

Everyone engaged in Civil Defence has worked long hours. Many, after their normal daily routine, have gone on duty as soon as they reached home—and, shortly after the "All Clear" at daybreak, returned to work once more.

Wardens have extinguished hundreds of incendiary bombs, dangerous fires in embryo; they have risked showers of falling shrapnel while patrolling their sectors. After bombs have fallen their work has been trebled and quadrupled.

They have organised the evacuation of those in shaky, damaged houses or near spreading fires or unexploded bombs, and they have arranged, too, for the accommodation of homeless families in halls, schools, clubs and empty houses. Mobile canteens have brought refreshment to those who needed it.

Rescue work, first-aid—all the services have dovetailed. The plans of many months ago have been operated at last—and London's A.R.P., transforming its months of theory into a week of practice, has acted with superb success.

## "YOU'RE A GREAT KING!"

"You're a great King," shouted a man within arm's length during His Majesty's visit to the East End.

That was after the second attack on Buckingham Palace, and in a flash came the King's answer: "You are a great people."

## LONDON'S HUMOUR & COURAGE

"I FEEL LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS," REMARKED A MAN LEAVING A LONDON SHELTER EARLY IN THE MORNING, STATED THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "ALLEHANDA."

This remark, added the correspondent, was typical of Londoners, who showed not the least irritation after sleepless nights now that British gunfire had replaced the noise of exploding Nazi bombs.

The correspondent also recorded that humour, friendliness and courage were radiating as never before, particularly among people in the East End.

Invasion was the general subject of conversation, concluded the writer, but it was awaited with excitement, not with dread.



## A HA'PORTH OF TAR

"Steward, there's tar on my dinner jacket."

"Yessir. Off the rigging, Sir. We told you it was wet, Sir, but you wouldn't take no notice. Up you went like a two-year-old."

"I see. And what did I do next?"

"You sang some songs, Sir. Greatly appreciated they was. Some of the crew asked me if you'd be so good as to write out the words."

"I'll have to think about that, Steward. So altogether it was a pretty mazy night?"

"There's been nothing like it on the South China Sea, Sir, since the Purser

won the Irish Sweep. All the other gentlemen are confined to their bunks, Sir. They say it was the lobster mayonnaise."

"Lobster grandmother! Why didn't they stick to gin and Rose's as I did? I haven't got a hangover."

"You're not the first gentleman I've heard say that about Rose's Limb Juice. Not by a long chalk."

"Good. And now I think I could do with an eye-opener—a nice stiff gin and Rose's. I suppose the sun is over the yardarm?"

"Sir, the sun is permanently over the yardarm in the South China Sea."

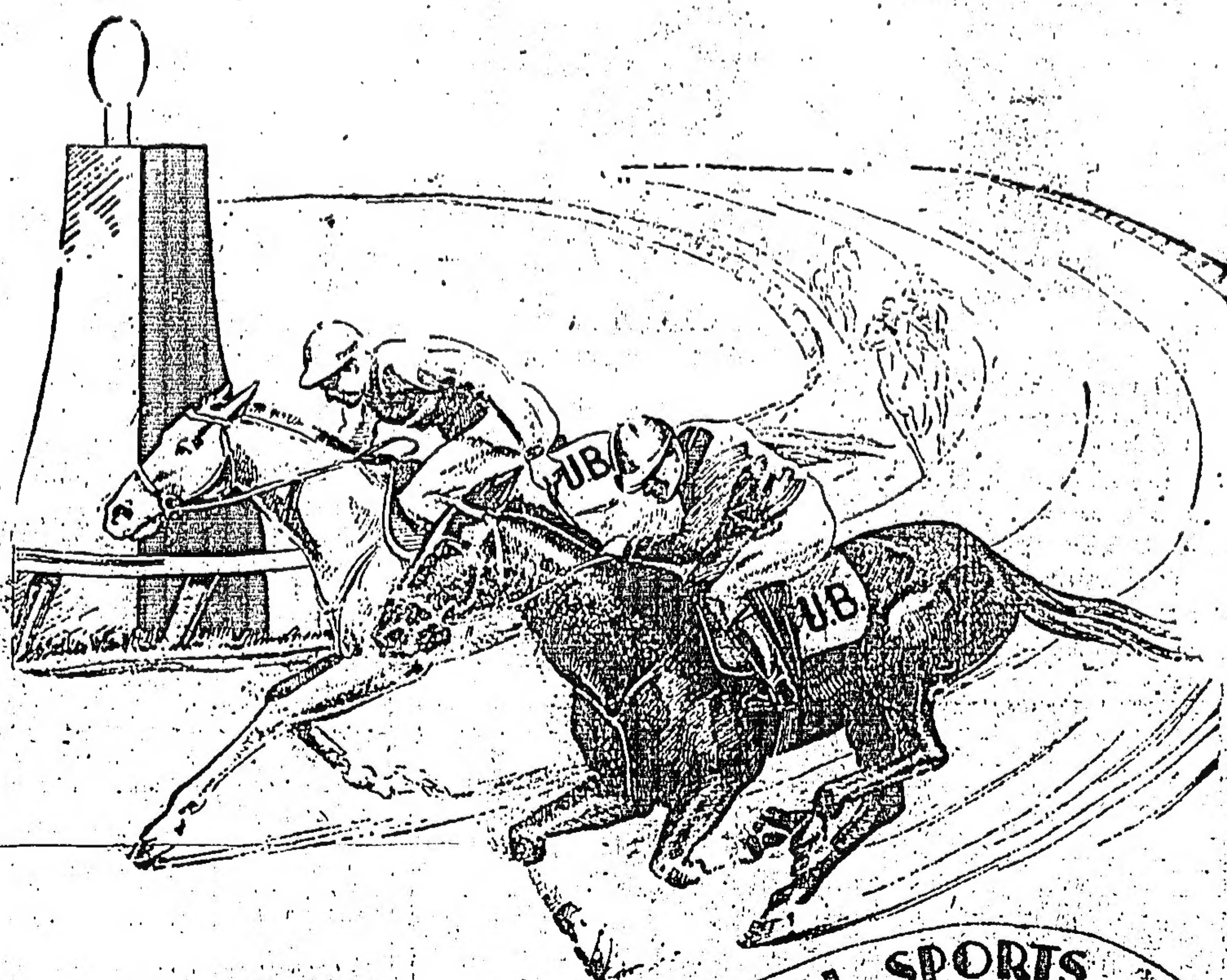
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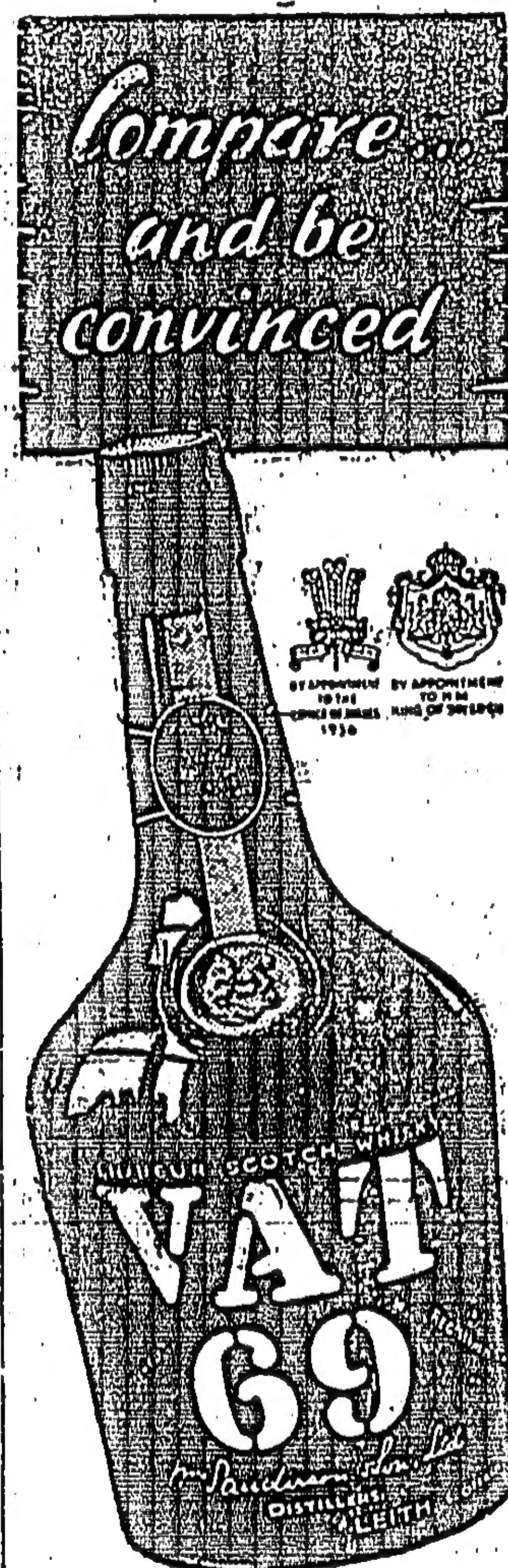
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### Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 18

#### By The Four Aces

Here's a different type of "crime" hand for our sleuths:

West, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
♠ 8 5 2  
♥ K J 9 3  
♦ J 10 7 4  
♣ 8 3

♠ 7 4  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ A Q 7 6 4

♠ 10 6 5 2  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ J 10 9 2  
♣ K Q J 10 9 6 3

♠ A Q  
♥ K Q  
♦ K Q  
♣ K 5

#### The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the eight of hearts, South winning with the Ace. Declarer then led the Queen of trumps; and East took the spade Ace and shifted to the Jack of clubs. South put up the King, and West took two club tricks. Then a diamond shift gave

#### HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3  
KING 2  
QUEEN 1  
JACK 1/2

East the setting trick. Probably you see what the trouble was—but was it a crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

The loss of the contract was a crime, and South was the criminal! It should have been clear to him that the contract depended on whether or not he lost two club tricks. Obviously, as the cards happened to lie, South could have returned the heart Queen, at the second trick, overtaking with dummy's heart King. Then the heart Jack would allow South to discard a club before the opponents could regain the lead.

The actual South player maintained that it was too dangerous to try out three rounds of hearts before drawing trumps; also that so risky a play was unnecessary if East had the club Ace—an even chance. But it was better than an even chance that three hearts would go through safely. Furthermore, if East ruffed, South could over-ruff and then take his chances on the clubs. Finally, even if West ruffed, he might have to ruff with the trump Ace.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 6 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 5 4  
♣ K 4 3 2

#### The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Malec	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You are not fond of the contract but are much too weak to attempt a rescue. Score 100% for pass, 20% for two no-trump.

#### Question No. 567

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 5 3  
♥ 4 3  
♦ A Q 10 3 2  
♣ K 7 6

#### The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Malec	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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## TRAWLER SAVES BRITISH AIRMEN

The Aberdeen trawler Sophos (skipper George Leaper) rescued four British airmen off the West Coast of Scotland. Their Coastal Command plane had run out of petrol and made a forced landing.

The four airmen were hanging to the top of their machine with the sea breaking over them when the Sophos came along.



If the gay young blade wants to burn his date up he should rave about her "dreamy" eyes at the end of a long evening of dancing.

## NAZI BOMBERS POOR MARKSMEN

THIS MESSAGE APPEARED RECENTLY IN THE NEW YORK DAILY PAPERS.

By DREW MIDDLETON,  
Associated Press War Correspondent

With the British Army Southern Command.

Three days' travel through military and naval areas which Germans have been bombing nightly revealed that their bombs had done no damage to military objectives which would hinder Britain's war effort, have not shaken the faith in their ability to stick it out among soldiers and civilians, and have aroused considerable contempt for German marksmanship.

Here is the extent of the damage I have personally seen—and officers allowed me to go where I wished.

A machine shop where recruits are taught to use tooling machines. Two machines damaged, shop partially demolished, but now well on way to reconstruction. No casualties.

The fronts of two civilian houses smashed in. No casualties.

One Vicar, aged 85, and his house-keeper, aged 63, shaken up by two bombs which fell near his home miles from any military objective. The vicar's life was saved by a four-poster bed which held off falling ceiling.

Wing of old folks' home hit by a bomb. Twelve sick and ailing old people killed. The home was a considerable distance from any military objective.

## LESSONS OF THE RAIDS

The most vigorous German air raids of the war are the only subject on the Home Front. The subject, one gathers, is likely to be topical for some time, and in harassed, but far from unhappy, London, and throughout the provinces, people are collecting air-raid advice.

Here are some of the things that have been noted:—

Glass in Shops.—Broken glass is the great danger to food supplies in retail shops. Lord Woolton, saying that he was surprised at the way in which splinters of glass had pierced cans of food, described it as important that wholesalers, caterers, and grocers should not put their stocks where they were likely to be damaged.

Water.—The Metropolitan Water Board has urged on all consumers within its area the need for the strictest economy in all forms of water consumption. Less must be used for baths, washing up, and the garden. It is good, though, to keep a supply in a bath or bucket which can be drawn upon when the main supply is out of action.

Railways.—Unnecessary traffic to and from London is to be discouraged. Travel on business—not on pleasure.

Telephones.—Unless it is absolutely necessary, no one should use the telephone during a raid.

Flying Glass.—One in every five cases of air-raid injury in Britain has been caused by glass. Curtains and blinds do little to prevent glass flying, but there are several good ways of protecting windows. By day, a fine-meshed wire netting will stop all but a few small pieces of glass, and by night the experts recommend a strong black-out screen covered with building boards or plywood.

Gas.—It is well to turn off the main before you go to bed. This prevents explosion between the main and the taps. Alternative heating should be arranged.

Electricity.—If an incendiary bomb falls on the house, turn the electricity current off. It is not necessary to do so otherwise. Naturally it is well to keep a few candles or night lights for emergency.

Torches.—The Ministry of Home Security states that during black-out hours, torches may be used only if dimmed by two thicknesses of tissue paper or thicknesses of tissue paper or the equivalent. They must be directed downwards, and extinguished immediately the air-raid warning sounds.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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"Butch promised not to cut his hair until they win a game!"

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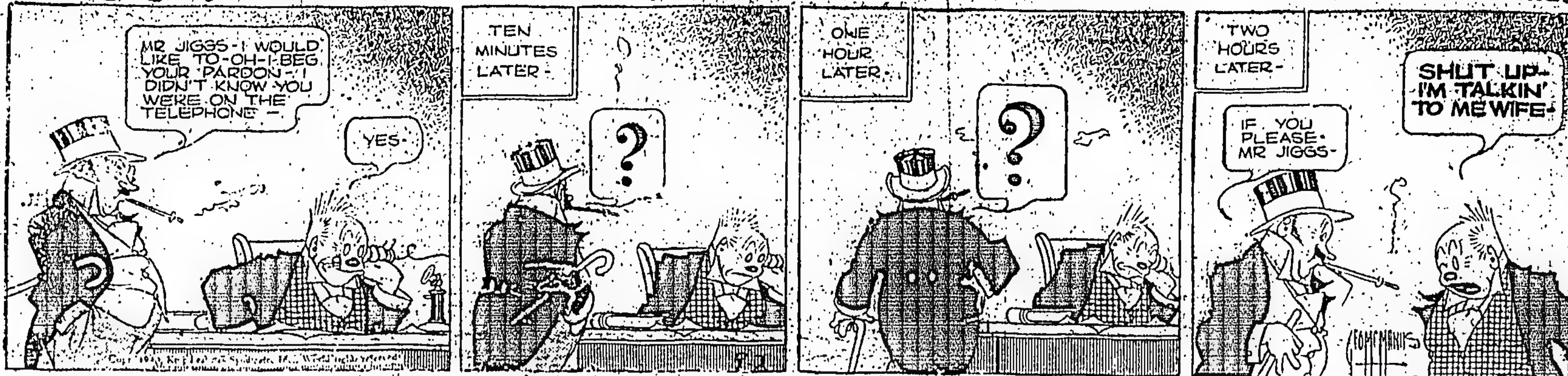
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## Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

### One Day In Ten Liquid Day

Women and girls should realise that more harm comes from eating when they are fatigued than from not eating at all. One physician gives this common sense advice to us:

"Never eat if you are in a hurry, if you are nervous, or if you are angry. Do not eat if you are terribly worried or tired. Try to observe common sense rules in your eating habits. You should accept eating as you accept doing your own particular work. It should be done artistically, thoroughly and willingly."

The old-fashioned notion that you must stuff yourself daily with meat and potatoes and pie has done great harm. Now we learn that we can get along nicely without any meat at all, that we should eat much of our vegetables and fruit raw, and that it is actually good for us to take only liquid food for an entire day once in a while.

#### Drink Your Meals

If you are very fatigued, or feel sort of "dragged out" eat lightly. Drink your meals. Vegetable juices, fruit juices, milk, clear vegetable broths. Whenever you feel hungry, drink one of these. In fact, one famous nutritionist suggests that we take an eight-ounce glass of liquid nourishment each hour if we are very hungry. If we are not hungry, then a glass every two hours is sufficient to get along on. It is surprising how well one can rest after a "liquid diet" for a day. We are advised that we would benefit by such a day in every ten.

#### The Logic Of It

Even though you have no desire or need to reduce, a liquid day gives your body a rest. Of course the amount of liquid food you take depends entirely upon what you must do during the day.



Billie Burke, most youthful and talented grandmother, keeps youthfully svelte and alert by eating scientifically. She urges women to do likewise.

If your duties are light, you can drink nothing but citrus fruit juice such as lemon juice, orange

juice, lime juice, unsweetened pineapple juice and fresh grapefruit juice. If the pangs of hunger get too great, you are allowed a handful of raisins. There are sufficient vitamins in such a programme to keep you alert.

#### Programme For Beauty

Here is an odd programme which you might follow for beauty:

One day every ten live on nothing but fruit juices.

Have meat only one day a week.

Do not smoke or drink intoxicating liquors, or coffee.

Drink raw milk, or herb teas.

Eat fruit and vegetable salads at lunchtime, and have at least one pint of citrus fruit juice for breakfast.

Drink twelve glasses of water a day.

Callisthenics every morning and night.

Take plenty of fresh air baths, cold showers (if you can).

Eat a normal dinner of vegetables, whole grain muffins, and fruit for dessert. Take any vegetable or fruit soup.

Drink a glass of orange juice before going to bed.

## Glamour In Fifteen Minutes

With one eye on the clock as the hands move to 5 p.m., and with the last vehement click of the typewriter, you're through for the day. In half an hour you have a date, which may mean the difference between a continuous 9-to-5 grind or a lifetime of loving care! Your immediate problem is how to banish that completely washed-out feeling and face your beau looking like a carefree glamour girl. The fact that you earn your living does not excuse you for looking like an office slave instead of the bright-eyed beautiful girl he yearns to see! So be quick, scamper to the powder room with your cosmetic aids, and get busy.

#### Your Weapons

Keep in your desk drawer, among other aids, a box of compact washcloths, discs of hygienic cotton, a bar of good soap and a bottle of friction lotion.

On back your hair, slip off your dress. Wash your face, neck and underarms with soap and water and then briskly rub all exposed skin with the friction lotion. This serves as a mild deodorant, and if you choose one with a fresh citrus fragrance you will feel almost as refreshed as if you had just tumbled under the shower.

Slip on your dress again and make a pretty face. Use a nice fresh powder puff and loose powder (always keep supplied with fresh puffs). Take time to get the powder out of your lashes and brows and with a steady hand, even though your heart is beating with excitement, draw appealing, smooth lips.

I advocate keeping a narrow hairbrush in that desk drawer too, for there is nothing more stimulating than a good brushing after a day of concentrating. And it glorifies the hair too. At any rate, see that your hair is combed becomingly for the hat you are wearing, and give one quick look at your nails. Most likely, if you manicured them last night, they need no more primping than a good brushing with soap and water. But if the polish needs repairing, you've simply got to take a minute or two for repairs. (Note: Sometimes it pays to make men wait a bit, so don't be nervous!)

#### The Final Fillip

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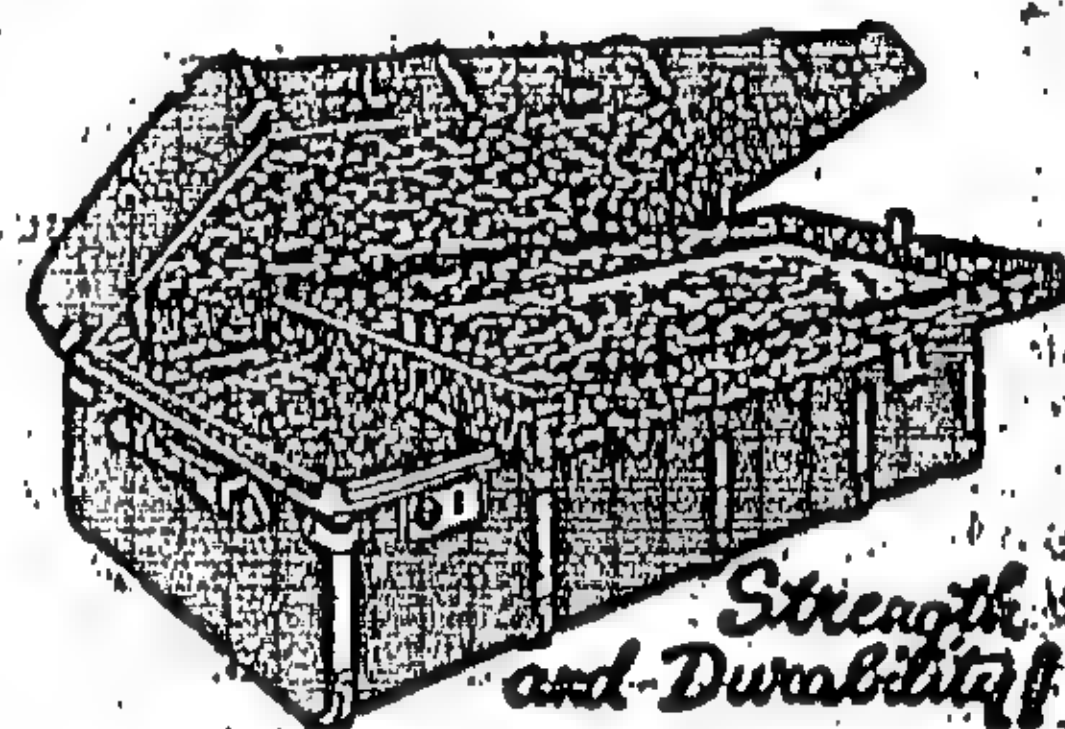
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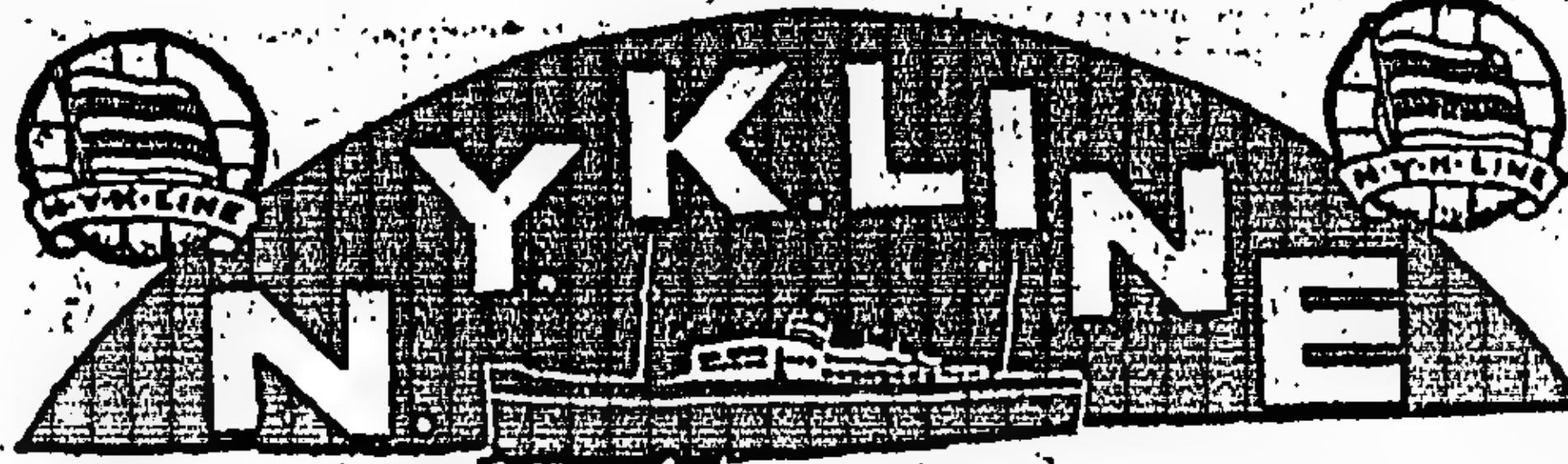
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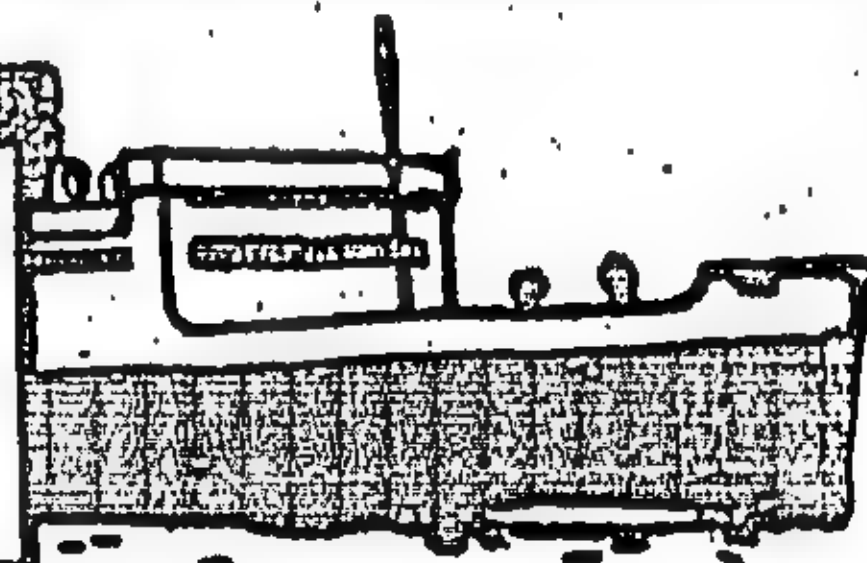
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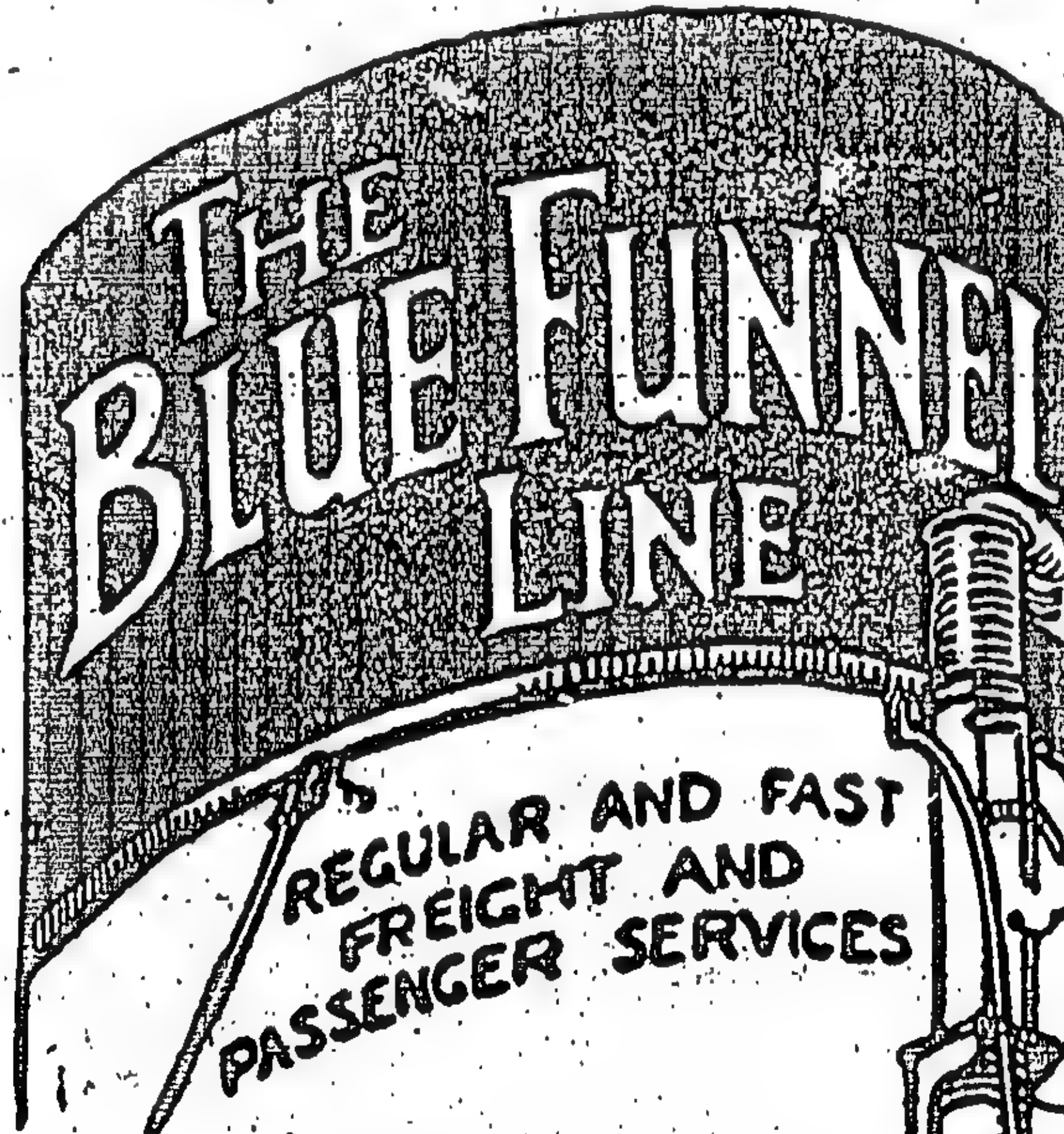
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# R.A.F. BOMBS CAUSED FALSE INVASION

AMERICAN REPORTS, reproduced all over the world, that the German army of invasion set out for England but was driven back to the French Channel ports, are due, according to responsible quarters in London, to the effectiveness of the R.A.F. bombardment of the enemy vessels.

When the mass air raids on London began on Sept. 7 it was concluded that the enemy forces assembled in the Channel ports might attempt an invasion at any moment. The Bomber Command, therefore, was instructed to bombard all shipping concentrations at those ports, and this was begun on Sept. 8.

A considerable proportion of the German division detailed for the invasion were already in their barges and other vessels. It also seems clear that the R.A.F. bombardment was so effective that the enemy fleet was obliged to put to sea, and then lay a short distance from the French coast.

Rising winds, however, compelled these vessels shortly to return to their ports, and the French people in the coastal towns concerned probably concluded that the invasion had been attempted and the enemy fleet turned back.

One reason why the German troops were already in their ships may have been that the fleet could put to sea at any moment. On the other hand, reports from reliable sources suggest that the invasion army is by no means enthusiastic about its prospects.

Should this be the case, the German High Command may have thought it more prudent to ensure that the men were under hatches rather than in barracks on shore, from which it might be difficult to march them quickly into waiting transport vessels.

# SIRENS WELCOME CANADIANS

The latest contingent of the Canadians marched into camp in England to the wail of air-raid sirens.

On their voyage from overseas many of them had seen planes caught in the beam of searchlights and heard the crash of distant bombs, but this was their first experience of an air-raid alarm.

Two of these sounded in a major dispersal operation. This continued in orderly fashion, despite the drone of Nazi bombers overhead. Men without helmets were ordered into shelters. They went unwillingly, for all were eager to see what was going on. Within a few minutes British fighter patrols were on the scene, while another squadron went in pursuit of the raiders, who departed without dropping any bombs.

The men were greeted at the station by the band of a famous British regiment and by a group of senior officers from Divisional and Brigade Headquarters.

# LONDON'S FIREMEN TESTED

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Composed entirely of members of the Taikoo Club Second Division League team, the Anti-Aircraft gunners have done extremely well, having beaten some of the strongest combinations in the Colony—notably No. 6 Company "A"—and they are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

In ideal weather and under perfect conditions, the match was watched by a large crowd, which included Col. H. E. Rosa, Commandant of the Corps, who presented the cup and souvenirs to the winning team after the game, and officials of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association and Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

#### A.S.C. Draw First Blood

The favourites—A.S.C. "A"—drew first blood. Bowling confidently they scored at the first three heads, when they chalked up 113 to lead 5-0. The Anti-Aircraft gunners then recovered somewhat, but until the 12th head A.S.C. were always the better team. A three at the 13th head started the Gunners' recovery, and a further three two heads later placed them on level terms. Thereafter they improved consistently and a five at the 19th head, which gave them a four-shot lead, placed them in a winning position and they did not relinquish it.

Cullen and Melrose, the leads, were not at their best but Main and Hyde were both in magnificent form, and sent up some splendid woods. Keown completely outbowled Meyer, who was off form.

Chalmers started badly, but a splendid drive in the latter stages, which brought a count of three, restored his confidence and he played an inspired game for the rest of the match.

The tournament just concluded has been an outstanding success, and there is little doubt that the Volunteer Lawn Bowls Competition will be one of the most enjoyable features of future seasons.

#### The Score

5TH A.A. BTRY. A.S.C. COY "A"  
L. Bdr. W. Melrose Cpl. F. Cullen  
Gnr. R. Main Sgt. W. Hyde  
Gnr. R. M. Keown Sgt. J. G. Meyer  
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(Skip) 19 (Skip) 15



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#### 38 Rinks Took Part

Before asking the Commandant to present the trophy and souvenirs to the winners, Capt. A. W. Brown, Chairman of the Volunteers Bowls Committee, said that 38 rinks entered the tournament, which represented over 152 players, including substitutes, and expressed the hope that 83 rinks would enter for the 1941 competition.

He paid a warm tribute to the hard work put in by Sgt. Meyer, and was pleased to report that the tournament had proved an unqualified success, mainly due to the cooperation of the various clubs in allowing their greens to be used for these games.

The contribution from the Tournament to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund had been \$190 (38 teams at \$5 each) and \$50, which was collected during yesterday's final.

Col. Rose said that the Tournament had fulfilled its purpose, that of getting different units together and so promoting esprit de corps. He also voiced his appreciation of the cooperation shown by the various clubs and of the hard work done by Capt. Bown's Committee.

The Cup was later filled in traditional manner and taken round the Clubhouse.

### GOSANO FAMILY SHINE

The Gosano family were very prominent for the Volunteers in their friendly cricket match at Happy Valley yesterday against Craigengower Cricket Club and their efforts were mainly responsible for the Volunteers' win.

G. N. Gosano played a polished innings of 57, retired when the visitors appeared likely to be skittled out for less than 100. Anderson lending good support with a hard-hit 49, which included 22 in one over of Mitchell's. Left-handed L. G. Gosano, backed by good catching, took 8 for 22. Prior to his last over his figures were 7 for 10 but Mitchell then hooked him for three runs before he succumbed.

Billimoria and Hulse bowled magnificently for Craigengower but atrocious catching let them down badly. Most successful batsman was A. J. Hulse but Norman Broadbridge played a valuable defensive innings of 18.

#### VOLUNTEERS

D. O. Parsons, c Hulse, b Billimoria	3
L. G. Gosano, c Hong Sling, b Billimoria	23
F. R. Zimmermann, c Broadbridge, b Hulse	0
G. N. Gosano, retired	57
L. T. Ride, b Billimoria	5
N. A. E. Mackay, b Billimoria	0
D. J. N. Anderson, c Billimoria, b Ismail	49
N. D. Booker, not out	12
A. Zimmermann, not out	20
Extras (B4, LB1)	5

Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 174  
D. G. Day and R. S. Gill did not bat.

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	9	0	55	1
Billimoria	9	1	35	1
A. K. Ismail	6	0	40	1
Mitchell	1	0	22	0
Way	1	0	3	0
Ramchand	1	0	14	0

#### CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

E. Zimmermann, c Booker, b Zimmermann	16
N. Broadbridge, c L. G. Gosano, b L. G. Gosano	18
A. Hung, c and b L. G. Gosano	15
A. J. Hulse, c and b Anderson	21
W. K. Way, c Parsons, b L. G. Gosano	2
S. Ramchand, c Parsons, b L. G. Gosano	2
A. K. Ismail, b L. G. Gosano	7
W. Hong Sling, b L. G. Gosano	0
T. Lock, c and b L. G. Gosano	0
E. J. Mitchell, c Zimmermann, b	0

## SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

NAVY beat Police decisively in the first match of the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, winning by 20 pts. to nil after an interval lead of 11-0. Unless

#### Rugby

Police can produce a higher standard they will certainly receive the woodenspoon.

Club and Army, who meet on November 30 in the Tournament, provided a one-sided match, Army again winning, this time by 20 pts. to 3. Unless something unforeseen happens Army look certain winners of the Quadrangular Tournament.

MIDDLESEX were definitely the better team in their match against Sing Tao, but still had to admit defeat to the tune of 3 goals to 1. The "Dicks" had very bad luck in front of goal several of their parting shots hitting the bar, going just wide or above. Cheung Wing-choi's brilliant display in goal saved Sing Tao.

Kowloon, who were without the services of Williamson for some time, were good enough to beat Police.

In Second Division, Middlesex were fully extended by 30th R.A. and International, without the services of several players on Volunteer duties, took things too easily against 20th Battery R.A. and lost by 5 goals to 1. This

defeat makes the championship struggle easier for Air Force.

IN most of Saturday's matches, batsmen were rather better than the bowlers and some fairly high scores were registered, best being Francis

#### Cricket

Lay's 80 for K.C.C. juniors against Civil Service.

Best bowling feat was Emmerson's 6 for 17 for Mr. Fergus eleven against Craigengower Cricket Club.

Following were the leading performances:

BATTING	
F. J. Lay	80
L. G. Gosano	68
H. Owen Hughes	61
J. E. Richardson	40
T. G. C. Knight	49
E. Col. Stonor	43
A. Zimmermann	38
A. M. Rodrigues	30
W. A. Reed	34
R. H. Griffiths	34
Blount	32
A. Hung	32
C. Huang	32
A. J. Hulse	30
BOWLING	
Emmerson	6 for 17
A. J. Hulse	6 for 23
R. Baldwin	6 for 26
Blount	5 for 17
J. Macaulay	4 for 14
N. Whitley	4 for 34

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

just before the race that Burford would not be starting owing to the recurrence of its lameness proved exceedingly disappointing to racing fans on Saturday. A keen race had been envisaged between Burford and O-Lan. There was, however, a good tussle between the latter and Dupont Bay, Dupont Bay leading for three-quarters of the course, only for O-Lan to exert itself on coming into the straight and win by a short head.

Mr. Donald Black was in great form and rode four winners in six starts.

TWO ladies' hockey matches were played on Saturday to again emphasize that this branch of local sport is far from dead. Diocesan Schoolgirls did exceedingly well to beat the Argonauts, holders of the Brown Cup, while St. Andrew's were much too good for Recreio, their latest recruit, Miss Birchall netting twice.

A FRIENDLY lawn bowls match was played at K.C.C. between a strong home team and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association. Thanks to a fine effort by Parsons' rink, K.C.C. had a comfortable win, Howard playing in the unaccustomed role of skip, being the only visitor to win.

## Impressions From Saturday's Rugger Games

### By "Scrum-Half"

Army, providing they are not depleted by transfers or injuries, appear almost certain to win the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament.

On Saturday they gave Club a terrible beating, and they were worth every one of their 20 points. Club scored three, and they were lucky to break their duck.

Ford's brilliant hooking has made a world of difference to Army, and they have what must be their strongest back av-son in years. Two positions are giving trouble, however. The full-back position and that of scrum-half.

Clague was given no rest on Saturday, but the little he had to do gave reason to believe that he can be improved on—Club's lucky try was due to his bungling. Army have tried several players there—Mokham, Otway, Ford and Berry—and are not yet satisfied.

Macdonald seems to be the most promising, though he would be out of position. He is fast, safe in his handling and fair in his tackling. On Saturday he was the outstanding back on the field, and with Hook to come back into the side, the experiment might be worth while.

#### Not Above Average

Wedderburn was given an easy time by the Club wing-forwards on Saturday, but he never at any time impressed as a scrum-half above the average. He is certainly no better than Foley, who is extremely dangerous five yards from the opposing line.

Not having had much opportunity of seeing Army units in action, I am unable to offer any real concrete suggestion, but I have been told that the Gunners' scrum-half, Dobbinson, is as promising as any.

6	L. G. Gosano				
8	P. J. Billimoria, not out				
15	Extras. (B26)				
21	Total				1
2	Bowling Analysis				
		O.	M.	R.	
2	F. R. Zimmermann	8	1	52	
7	Gill	3	0	10	
0	Day	3	0	7	
0	L. G. Gosano	5.7	0	22	
	Anderson	2	0	10	

If this is so, he and Hook (also of the Gunners) should combine very nicely.

Marsh has improved his tackling and is fast becoming a first class winger, but Coombes is a problem. He is extremely dangerous to both sides—to his own side by his fits of selfishness and to his opponents as the result of his deceptive run and a very keen eye for an opening. Many potential Army back movements were held up at the source on Saturday when Coombes was grassed in possession.

Army have upset Club by their punt ahead tactics. On Saturday they caught the Club backs on the wrong foot time and again, while Richards distinguished himself with some really clever bits of dribbling, cross-kicking to advantage with supreme confidence. Berry was missed at forward, and with his inclusion the Army pack is unlikely to be bettered by Selectors or opponents.

#### Bowden's Return

Bowden made a welcome return to the Navy team, substituting for McGill. He has had a shoulder injury, but he showed no signs of it on Saturday, giving an excellent display.

Paul has gone off this season and is inclined to be selfish. What's gone wrong with his kicking? Watson has always been recognised as the best place-kicker Club have had for some time, but Paul was acknowledged at one time to be his equal. On Saturday Watson turned down a penalty kick from the touch line, and so did Paul!

Carter and Rutherford are working up a fine understanding, and Carter is playing better than ever, though he will need to watch that he does not overdo the punt ahead.

Honeywill is quite a "find" at full-back and looks to be the best substitute Navy can find for Stevens.

#### Many Police Problems

Police have gone all to pieces. The loss of Wilson, Luscombe, Fay and Searle has been a bitter blow, and they apparently have no young blood coming on.

The scrum-half problem is the greatest one of their many problems. Leslie and Morrison will not do.

## LEAGUE HOCKEY

Several matches in the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament were played yesterday with the following results:

Recreio "A" beat A. N. Other XI 3-0 at King's Park. Scorers: H. L. Ozorio, J. Forreca and F. X. Sequiera.

Police "A" beat C.B.A. 2-1. Scorers: Howett, Josbir Singh, T. Whitley.

Khalan beat University 7-0. Scorers: Awtar Singh (5), Guest, Kirmindar Singh.

5th A.A. "A" beat 5th A.A. "B" 2-1. Scorers: Hazara Singh, Abdul Dinar, McCadden.

Gunboats beat M.T.B. 3-1. Scorers: Gemmel (2), Collard, Hall.

Police "B" beat Destroyers 3-0. Scorers: Chanam, Singh (2), Nawar Singh.

As at the K.C.C. recently, the "Over Forties" of K.B.G.C. proved too good for the "Youngsters." Who was it said that bowls is no longer an "old man's game?"



## SOCCER

## EASTERN LED BY KWONG WAH WIN MATCH BY 2-1

## HAU CHING-TO PLAYS WELL

By "Sportshawk"

HELPED BY a penalty goal soon after the interval, which enabled them to equalise, Eastern thereafter had matters in their hands and eventually beat Kwong Wah by the odd goal in five in their First Division football encounter, which was played at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. Kwong Wah were leading 2-1 at the end of the first half.

With a fast forward line, strongly supported by their halves, throughout the first period in which they were definitely on top form, Kwong Wah have reason to be fully satisfied with their play and were generally considered to have played their best game of the season.

Kwong Wah, however, appeared demoralised by the penalty goal in the second half.

Eastern played carelessly in the first half, but, on the resumption, fully demonstrated their superiority to secure both points.

Although he was severely tested and twice beaten in the opening half, Lau Hin-hon played a good game between the sticks for Eastern but Kong Shing-king, right-back, only came into the picture on the resumption. Kong was, however, the mainstay of the defence and staged numerous powerful clearances, especially in the latter period.

Hsu King-sing, the pivot, was a great snorter out he was inclined to clear with high kicks instead of keeping the ball along the ground. S. C. Liu held his own well in the right-half berth.

## Hau In Form

Outstanding player on the field was undoubtedly Hau

## RAMSEY IN K.C.C. FINAL

Following are the latest Club Lawn bowls tournament results:

## KOWLOON BOWLING C.C.

## Club Championship

Second Round:—W. G. Hodder beat H. Patrick; Third Round:—J. McKelvie beat L. Sykes.

## Vice-President's Cup

Second Round:—E. A. Atkins beat A. Morton; J. Fraser beat D. W. Water-ton.

## President's Cup

Second Round:—A. J. Hall beat Payne; H. White beat T. Coleman; Third Round:—A. M. Holland beat W. Houston.

## Handicap Pairs

Third Round:—H. Lockhart and H. Patrick (plus 4) beat K. C. Hamilton and E. Spradbery (plus 8).

## Non-Prize Winners

Third Round:—H. C. Spang beat W. Houston; Semi-Final:—L. Sykes beat H. C. Spang.

## KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

## Club Championship

Semi-Final:—A. W. Ramsey beat E. C. Fincher.

## KOWLOON TONG G.C.A.

## Handicap Singles

Final:—V. N. Atienza (scr.) beat W. J. Howard (scr.).

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

## Handicap Singles

Third Round:—C. G. Solis (plus 5) beat K. S. Robertson (—5); A. Brooks-bank (—5) beat L. E. Lammert (—5); J. H. Gelling (—4) beat A. W. Hodge (—2).

## CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB

## Club Singles

Fourth Round:—W. J. Furling beat J. R. Carr.

## SOFTBALL RESULTS

Yesterday's softball League matches resulted as follows:

Girls' League:—Panthers 10, Cardinals 7; Wahos 29, Little Flower Club 6; Club de Recreio 7, Wildcats 25.

Men's League, First Division:—St. Joseph's 11, Cyclones 2; Hong Kong Baseball Club 20, Canadian Chinese Club 10; Recreio "A" 4, Indians 0.

right-half, and whose powerful and accurate cross-field passes made many scoring opportunities.

Chung Yung-sum, another winger for Eastern, appeared uncomfortable in that position and was only responsible for few centres.

V. K. Hyui and C. T. Tsao, both formerly of Shanghai, were another two dangerous forwards in the Eastern team.

For Kwong Wah, Lee Kwok-kee, though somewhat at fault with the first goal, brought off several good saves in the latter period when Eastern were continually on the offensive. Chung Fai-lam was the better of two losing backs and cleared well, but their intermediate line was poor in tackling and worse in their feeding. Kam Kai-pui, formerly of

Ching-to, left-winger for Eastern, whose speed was too much for Cheong Shui-fai, the losers'

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	
Navy	1 St. Joseph's 1
O'Regan	All
Eastern	3 Kwong Wah 2
V. K. Hyui (pen)	Wong King-chung and Hau ching-to (2)
	Chin Chi-fai
SECOND DIVISION	
Navy	1 Royal Scots 3
Barber	Auld (2) and Meikle
Service Corps	10 Kitchner 1
THIRD DIVISION	
Air Force	5 Shell 0
Martin (4) and Edmonds (pen)	
Signals	6 Medicals 1
Husband (2), Bundy and Brackenberry (2)	Pym (pen).

South China Juniors, who held his left-half position well, was the best among the halves. Chin Chi-fai, in the centre-forward position for Kwong Wah,

played a useful game. He displayed good combination with Cheuk Shek-kam.

## The Play

Kwong Wah took the lead about two minutes after the whistle through Wong King-chung, who converted a nice shot from Cheuk Shek-kam, while Hau Ching-to equalised shortly after, from a pass from V. K. Hyui. Chin Chi-fai again placed Kwong Wah in the lead as the result of a solo effort after having robbed Eastern's pivot of the ball.

Shortly after the resumption, Chung Fai-lam was penalised for pushing C. T. Tsao, and subsequently Hyui made no mistake in converting this penalty, which helped Eastern to wipe off Kwong Wah's 2-1 lead.

Thereafter Eastern increased the pressure and within two minutes, Hau Ching-to scored with a grounder at point blank range from a pass from Hyui, to decide the issue in favour of Eastern.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Shing-king and Woo Chi-sang; S. C. Liu; Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-ken; Chung Yung-sum, Yu Hop-hing, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai and Chung Fai-lam; Cheong Shui-fai, Wu Kam-sing and Kam Kai-pui; Leung Ping-kam, Lau Fook-chuen, Chin Chi-fai, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

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# BATTERING OF HAMBURG

## Mass R.A.F. Raids For Third Successive Night

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### SEVEN SWISS SENT TO GAOL FOR LIFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Found guilty of attempting sabotage against the country's defences, seven Swiss subjects, including two recently returned from abroad, were sentenced in Berne yesterday to hard labour for life by court martial, according to a communique released by the Swiss General Staff.—Havas.

### TROOPS TURN OVER TO DE GAULLE

A large formation of troops at Libreville who opposed the advance of the Free French Forces have now asked to join them, according to a Free French communique.

Wounded on both sides were few.

General de Gaulle, who visited Libreville on Friday, received the civil and military authorities, and verified that no inhabitants of

## Docks And Factories Attacked

THE R.A.F.'S BATTERING OF HAMBURG ON SATURDAY NIGHT LASTED SEVERAL HOURS AND A CONCENTRATED ATTACK WAS MADE ON ALL ITS GREAT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

At intervals throughout the night a powerful force of bombers flew over the city and suburbs.

Success varied with changing weather but many pilots found periods when, in the words of one, conditions for bombing were perfect.

Squadrons attacking the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards saw bursts in many parts of the area and explosions followed accompanied by great billowing red flames.

A direct hit was scored on a neighbouring aircraft factory.

#### Thousand Incendiaries

In addition to many high explosive bombs another force of heavy bombers dropped over a thousand incendiaries on the great riverside railway goods yards in the Billwarder district.

Gaps in the clouds closed as the attacks ended, says the Air Ministry, and made it impossible to observe the full results but enough was seen to make it certain that considerable damage was done.—Reuter.

Libreville were killed or wounded during the "police operations" which resulted in Gabon rallying to the Free French Empire.—Reuter.

### RUMANIA STILL RESPONDING TO CRACK OF WHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE DECISION TO RE-ORGANISE COMPLETELY ALL JEWISH CONCERNS WHATSOEVER THE NATIONALITY OF THE OWNER.

All Jewish members of the staffs of these firms will be expelled without exception before December 31, 1941.

Only institutions of a strictly religious character will be allowed to keep Jewish employees.—Havas.

Mrs. H. Danbrowsky, wife of Police Sergeant Danbrowsky, was slightly injured on Saturday morning when she was knocked down by a lorry in Waterloo Road. The accident occurred at 9.20 a.m. while Mrs. Danbrowsky was walking with Mrs. Pengelly.

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## RANGITIKI'S STORY OF BRUSH WITH RAIDER

### HEAVY RAID ON BRINDISI

R.A.F. bombers again attacked Brindisi on Friday night, said an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The railway station, aerodrome and oil tanks near the city were bombed and several fires caused in the target area, but the full extent of the damage could not be observed owing to low clouds.

Banghazi was raided successfully and shipping in the harbour damaged.

The foreshore at Tobruk was bombed but it was not possible to see the extent of the damage.

A fuel depot near Gura, Italian East Africa, was attacked, a direct hit on the largest building in the target area causing much damage.

On Friday night Zula was raided and buildings bombed and set on fire.

The Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway line south of Adagalla was bombed. Direct hits are believed to have been made.

Matsawa was raided, the main quay and destroyer base being the principal objectives. All our planes except one returned safely.—Reuter.

### DIVE BOMB ATTACKS AT CAMBRAI

Coastal Command bombers on Saturday made an effective and destructive tour of enemy aerodromes in the Rouen-Abbeville-Arras-Cambrai area.

The crews of the attacking Hudsons and Beauforts, despite bad weather, were able to get excellent results.

Four audacious dive attacks, in the course of which a pilot went down within 300 feet of the ground, were made by one Beaufort on an aerodrome in the Cambrai sector at dusk.

In the first swoop he planted incendiaries which ignited buildings and in following attacks "opened up" the targets with high explosives.

Flames spread fast and when the aircraft left were leaping nearly 100 feet up.

One Hudson which distributed high explosives along the boundary of another Cambrai landing ground, produced six explosions

### Salvoes Dropping All Round Giant New Zealander Liner

#### ELEVEN NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down in raids on Britain yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique.

Four British fighters were lost but the pilots of three are safe.—Reuter.

#### RATIO OF 12 TO 1

Sixty-four German and 13 Italian planes were shot down over Britain during the week ending midnight on November 16.

In the same period six British fighters were lost but the pilots of three are safe.

Detailed figures were:—

	German	British
No. 10	12	2
" 11	(and 13 Italian)	—
" 12	1	—
" 13	6	—
" 14	21	2
" 15	23	2
" 16	1	—

(both pilots safe)  
(one pilot safe)  
—Reuter.

#### ANTONESCU LEAVES FOR BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Accompanied by his suite General Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, has left Rome for Bucharest.—Havas.

and a fierce fire.

#### Extensive Fires

Aircraft which went to Abbeville all reported similar successes. As a result of one explosion there the tail gunner of a Hudson was thrown from his seat and the interior of the aircraft was flooded by successive flashes from wrecked targets.

Another Hudson bombed objectives across 1800 yards of aerodrome and the crew had the satisfaction of seeing extensive fires sweeping inwards from each end of the bombed area.—British Wireless.

FURTHER STORIES OF BRITISH HEROISM WHEN A GERMAN RAIDER ATTACKED THE JERVIS BAY CONVOY WERE TOLD WHEN THE 17,000-TON STEAMER RANGITIKI, BIGGEST SHIP OF THE CONVOY AND ONE OF THE RAIDER'S MAIN TARGETS, DOCKED AT A WEST COAST OF ENGLAND PORT YESTERDAY WITHOUT A SINGLE CASUALTY AND HARDLY A SCRATCH.

The captain said the raider, which may have been the Deutschland, was first sighted some 20 miles away well down on the port bow at about 4 p.m. It was not identified until 4.45 p.m. when it was seen to be a heavy warship.

The convoy continued, at a speed of nine knots which was the fastest some of the ships could do, but turned. The enemy also turned on a course parallel to the convoy and opened fire on the Jervis Bay, which steamed towards the enemy and opened fire, but apparently her salvoes fell short.

The enemy's second salvo hit the Jervis Bay amidships and evidently put her engines out of action as she lost way immediately.

The third salvo struck her just before the bridge and the fourth aft, setting her afire.

The enemy then concentrated her fire on the Rangitiki.

Within 50 Yards  
The first salvo fell on her starboard quarter, the second straddled her amidships, the third straddled her forward of the bridge and one shell fell within 50 yards of the ship, smothering the bridge with spray and shell fragments but doing no appreciable damage.

Meanwhile the convoy of ships made a smoke-screen which, coupled with the gallant action of Jervis Bay, enabled so many ships to escape, despite the enemy's use of star shells in an attempt to locate the ships and the fact that two or

three of the ships were apparently on fire.

#### Passengers' Cool

The captain paid a tribute to the coolness of the passengers, men and women, who during the firing sang Scottish songs in an alleyway and later enjoyed a meal wearing lifebelts.

The chief radio officer said he was playing deck tennis when the raider attacked.

He dashed to the wireless cabin and sent out the message which startled the world, saying they were being shelled by a raider.—Reuter.

### HURRICANE HAVOC ON CONTINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A hurricane which caused terrific damage in northern France on Thursday evening also wreaked havoc in Belgium and Holland, states a message from Brussels this morning.

Throughout Belgium the roofs of houses were blown away, trees and telegraph poles uprooted and lamp posts and kiosks sent crashing to the ground.

Traffic and telephone communications were disrupted in several parts of the country.

The blowing down of railway signal posts caused a serious railway accident which killed 21 and injured 80.

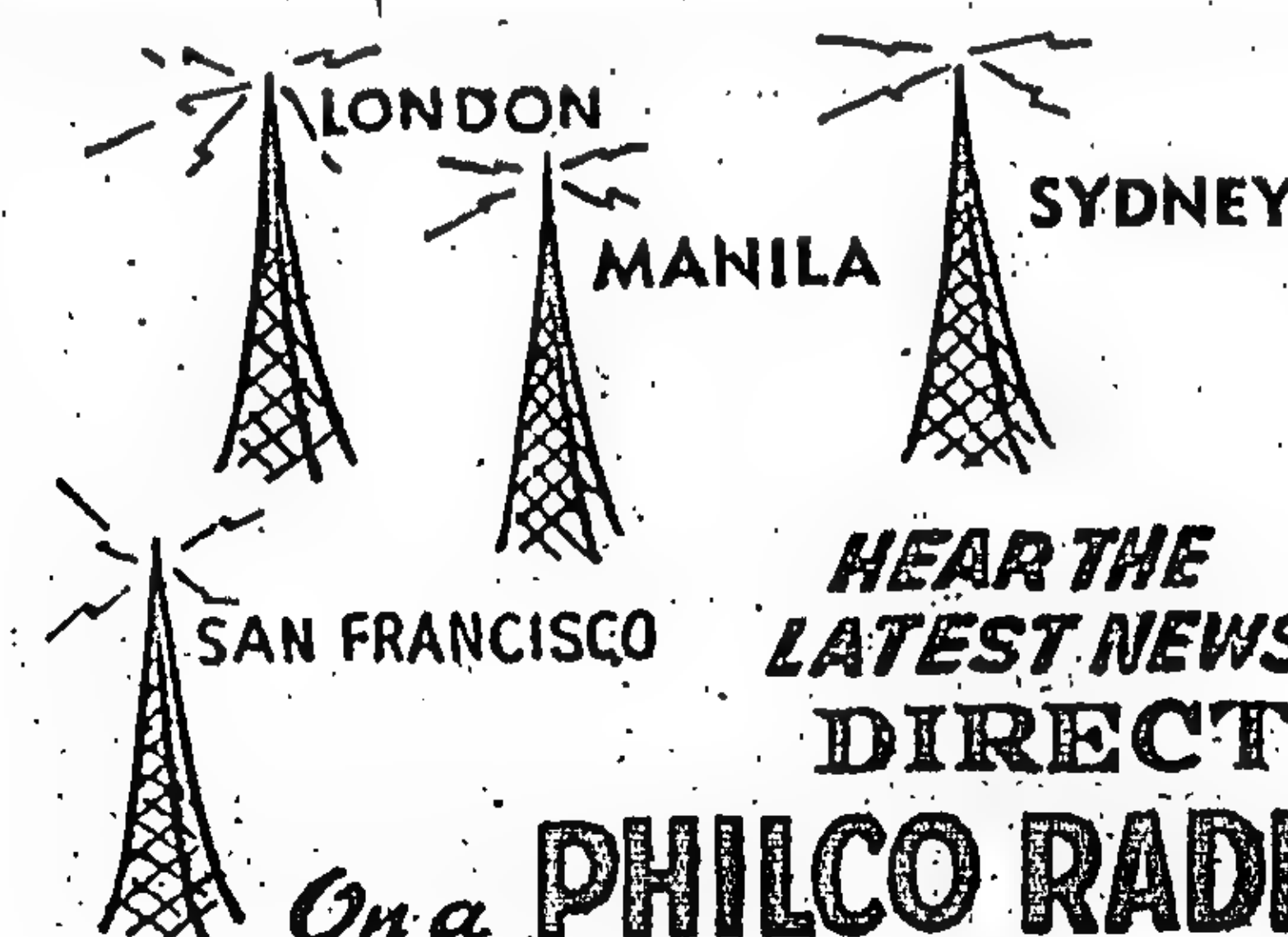
Brussels and Antwerp bore the brunt of the tempest, terrible damage being caused in both cities.

In Holland several were killed during the storm.—Havas.

#### VICHY CONTINUES "RED" ROUND-UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French police yesterday carried out further arrests of Communists. At Toulouse two noted women Communists were arrested and charged with operating a secret printing plant and distributing Communist pamphlets.—Havas.



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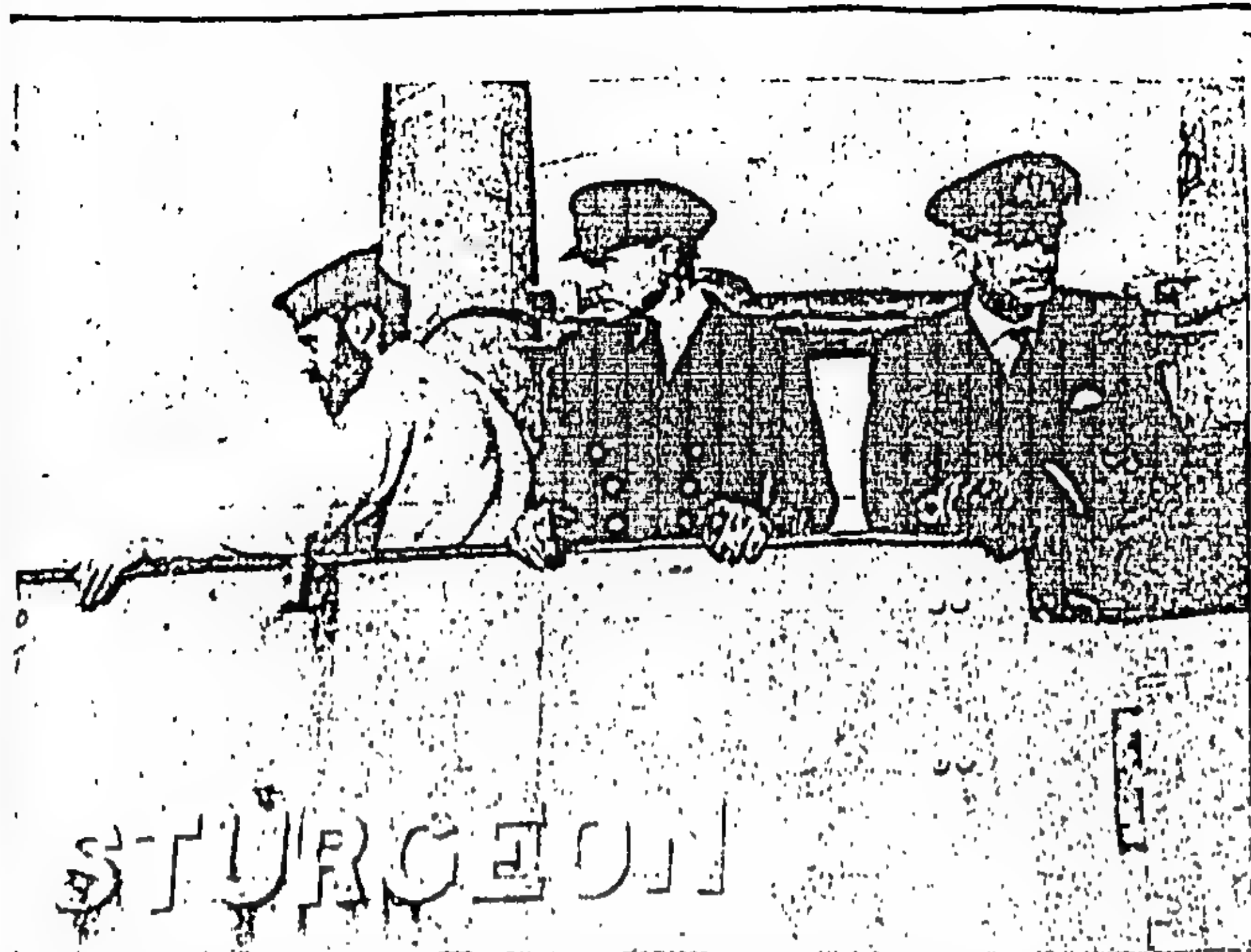
### PADDLE BOAT SHOOTS DOWN ATTACKER

An Admiralty communique states that the paddle minesweeper Southsea shot down one enemy aircraft which attacked her yesterday morning. There were no survivors from the aircraft.

H.M.S. Southsea sustained no damage or casualties.—British Wireless.



# ITALIAN TAIL TUCKED WELL IN



H.M. Submarine Sturgeon (Commanded by Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, D.S.O.) recently torpedoed and sank a 10,000-ton German transport off the coast of Denmark. Photo shows: Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, D.S.O. (extreme right) on board the submarine, on her arrival at her home base. (Copyright, Fox).

## JAPANESE THEATRE SHOW IN HANOI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese "umojina" theatrical troupe are to give a performance in the Hanoi municipal theatre to-day. General Sumita, head of the Japanese economic mission in Indo-China, has invited many prominent French in Hanoi. The programme, it is stated, consists of two comedies and one play illustrating the "traditional Japanese spirit." — Ha-yas.

## SEA WAR LIBRARY SERVICE

Ninety thousand books and magazines have been distributed among 3,000 ships by the Sea War Library Service, Selwyn House, Endsleigh Street, W.C.1. The collection has been assisted by librarians throughout the country, who have encouraged people to give books to be forwarded to the depots.

During the next twelve months more books will be needed, and more money required for buying new books on a larger scale. The committee speak with confidence in their first annual report that their activities will bring them the support they need "to enable the Service to carry on with the provision of literature for Merchant Seamen."

# Armoured Column Smashed Up Near Koritza Front

AN ITALIAN ARMoured column has been smashed up by Greek troops operating on the eastern sector of the front, according to reports received in Athens last night.

It is also reported but not yet confirmed that a large number of tanks which have been dispersed have crossed the frontier into Yugoslavia to avoid capture.

All reports received in London yesterday evening indicated that the Italian attack has been turned against them with such effect that it is now the Italians who are up against an invasion.

On the whole 150-mile front, they were reported to be moving backwards.

The fiercest fighting was around Koritza, which is nine miles inside Albania. Italian reinforcements staged a counter-attack, but are reported to have been repulsed and driven back with heavy losses.

According to one report, 130 Italian tanks trying to get into Yugoslavia from Koritza have been cut off by Greek troops advancing from the east.

### Italian Silence

The Italians are maintaining a significant silence, and their communique yesterday only gave two lines out of a total of 37 to the land operations.

These two lines were of little value, and read:—

"On the Greek front, attacks and counter-attacks took place yesterday, and were particularly heavy in the sector of the Ninth Army."

Semi-official London circles comment that this Italian unwillingness to say much is perhaps only natural, as the Italians cannot conceal the fact that their invasion so far is nothing but a dismal failure.—Reuter.

## GABON NOW PART OF FREE FRANCE

The whole of Gabon (French Equatorial Africa) is now part of the French Free Empire, says a communique issued last night from London headquarters of the French Free Forces.

The communique states that the town of Port Gentil, second port of Gabon, surrendered without fighting two days after the surrender of Libreville, capital of the colony.—Reuter.

## IMPROVING BRITAIN'S CROPS

Through various State-aided drainage schemes a substantial improvement in large areas of farm land will be effected in time for the 1941 harvest.

Applications in a steady flow are being made by farmers for Treasury grants covering half the cost of mole drainage, field drainage, and the cleaning of farm ditches.

These grants are war-time extensions of the ambitious national drainage scheme first authorised by the Land Drainage Act of 1930. Eventually, at a cost of more than £20,000,000, the scheme will raise the fertility of millions of acres of farm land and will also prevent recurrence of extensive and costly floods.

On main rivers 127 schemes costing £13,300,000 are in progress or will begin during the next twenty-four months. For other work on smaller watercourses, authorised by the Agriculture Act of 1937, 2,500 schemes have been approved at a cost of £1,255,000, with grants in aid up to 50 per cent.

## LORD NUFFIELD'S PINTS FOR TROOPS

When Lord Nuffield glanced out of his office window at the Cowley works recently he saw a company of soldiers returning from a route march, looking hot and thirsty.

Lord Nuffield promptly telephoned their depot and ordered a pint of beer for each man at his expense. At the depot the soldiers shortly afterwards drank Lord Nuffield's health with enthusiasm.

# TAMPICO COMEDY: THOUGHT AMERICAN SHIPS WERE BRITISH

AMERICAN NEWS agencies have thrown further light on the attempt of four German merchant ships to slip out of Tampico, apparently in an attempt to get through to Spain.

(It will be recalled that one ship was set on fire, and it is known that this ship, the Phrygia, was scuttled. The other three raced back to Tampico).

When the master of the Phrygia and his crew got ashore, they told the port authorities that they were "signalled to by a warship" and so took the traditional way out.

The latest American news agency reports suggest that the German captain mistook signals which he intercepted between three warships and a British merchantman, presumed the warships were British vessels, and scuttled his ship. The other three fled.

It is now believed that the warships were not British ships, but neutral.

The captain of the Phrygia is reported to have said that he was intercepted well within the "Safety Zone," while another message states that it is officially said in German circles in Tampico that the ships had a rendezvous 300 or 400 miles out with the pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer, which was to have escorted them to Spain.—Reuter.

## SHOPPING HOURS AFTER RAIDS

Croydon Chamber of Commerce has turned down a suggestion that, because shopping hours are so often interrupted by air raid warnings, shops should open earlier each morning. The Chamber is also opposed to keeping shops open an hour later at night.

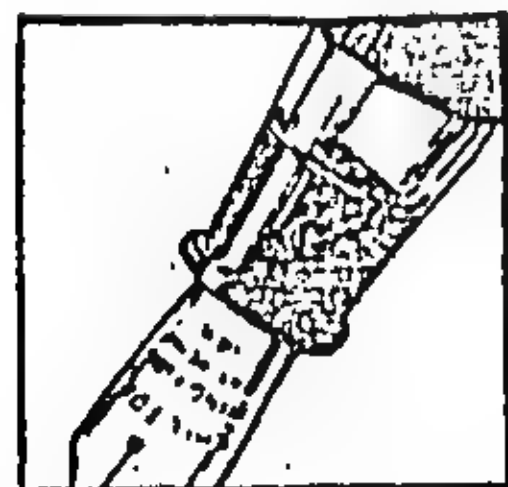
Mr. D. W. Joslin, President of the Chamber, said "At some shops instructions have been issued that, if an air-raid warning is in operation after midnight, staffs will be allowed to arrive at work later—in one instance as late as 10 a.m."

Shopkeepers in other parts of London may follow this lead.

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## BRITAIN BAGS 5,000 WARPLANES

The Battle of Britain cost Germany 1,097 warplanes and about 2,500 skilled pilots and airmen in the month of August alone.

It is estimated that British fighters, bombers and guns have accounted for at least 5,000 machines and 10,000 to 12,000 airmen since the war began, figures which do not include the enemy's losses to the French, Belgians or Dutch or in the campaigns in Poland and Norway.

### We Still Lead Four To One

Britain's total losses were 991 machines.

The enemy's vain effort to smash through the R.A.F. ring of fire and steel accounted for 296 British planes in August. The pilots of precisely half of these were saved.

The "Blitzkrieg" has cost the Nazis about four planes for every one they shot down, and 15 airmen for each British life lost.

Only a limited amount of damage has been done to our war production.

In the Battle of Germany, which the R.A.F. has waged every night we lost only 64 bombers during August, and 300 airmen.



# BIG SHUFFLE IN R.A.F.

## New "Army Cooperation" Command Created

### Lessons of the Blitzkrieg In Flanders

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMMAND OF THE R.A.F., TO BE CALLED THE ARMY COOPERATION COMMAND, WITH THE DUTY OF ORGANISING ALL FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE, WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY. AIR MARSHAL SIR A. S. BARRATT IS APPOINTED AIR OFFICER COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF OF THE NEW COMMAND.

Simultaneously wide changes are announced in the R.A.F. Higher Command. Air Vice-Marshal W. S. Douglas is appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, in place of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, from a date in the near future. Douglas is promoted Air Marshal (temporary).

Air Marshal Dowding, at the special request of the Minister of Aircraft Production, is being seconded to the latter's department for special duty in the United States.

Air Vice-Marshal A. T. Harris is appointed Deputy Chief of Air Staff in place of Air Marshal Douglas.

Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd is promoted Air Marshal (acting) and appointed deputy to the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief in the Middle East Command.

Air Marshal E. L. Gossage is appointed Air Officer Commanding the Balloon Command in place of Air Marshal Boyd.

Air Vice-Marshal P. Badington is promoted Air Marshal (acting) and becomes air member of personnel in place of Air Marshal Gossage.

#### Sir Arthur Barratt

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Sheridan Barratt first came into the news in the present war when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British air forces in France.

This was a new appointment to ensure the most effective support by the R.A.F. for the D.E.F. and French armies on the western front.

It is noteworthy that all but one of the new men are under 50.

Announcing the new Command the Air Ministry says the Air Ministry and War Office jointly considered how best to secure the most effective basis of cooperation between the Army and Air Force and a detailed scheme is being drawn up covering all aspects of Army air requirements and training.

#### All Squadrons

Principal feature of the new arrangements is the decision to set up a command of the R.A.F. to be called the Army Cooperation Command, which will comprise all squadrons allotted to army formations in the United Kingdom, together with the associated training units.

Primary function of this command will be to organise experiments and training in all forms of cooperation between the two Services.

The operational employment of the squadrons will rest as hitherto with the commanders of army formations to which they are allotted.

The Army Cooperation Command will be under an air officer commander-in-chief and a senior army officer is being appointed as head of the Air Staff.

Air Staffs of the Command and its subordinate formations will consist of Army and R.A.F. officers in roughly equal proportions.

#### Lesson Of Experience

Formation of this Command, says the Air Ministry, is the direct

outcome of a system of cooperation which was steadily built between the two Services over a long period and the new organisation is designed to accord with the lessons of recent operational experience.

The Army Cooperation Command with its joint Staff will work in constant association with the Army and Air Force commands concerned.

It will ensure rapid development of army cooperation technique and foster a common understanding of all aspects of inter-Service cooperation.

The new Command is to be established on December 1, 1940. —Reuter.

### TAXIMAN'S REPORT

THAT A EUROPEAN PASSENGER HAD REFUSED TO PAY THE TAXI FARE WAS THE ALLEGATION MADE IN A REPORT TO THE POLICE BY A TAXI DRIVER, LI YEUNG, YESTERDAY.

Li alleged that at about 8.10 on Friday, he was summoned to Argyle Street. There a European couple boarded the taxi. After seeing his woman companion home, the European ordered Li to return to the address in Argyle Street.

After leaving the taxi, the European, alleged Li, refused to pay the fare and disappeared into the building.

The Police are investigating the matter.

### ROBBERY REPORT

A theft of \$740 in money, jewellery and clothing from the second floor of No. 9, Hillwood Road, was reported by the occupants of the flat last night.

The money and articles, which included \$255 in cash, a gold pocket-watch, in cash at \$325, and a suit, was said to have occurred between 6.30 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. yesterday.

### MACAO'S NEW SHIPPING SERVICE

The French ship, s.s. Canton, arrived in Macao on Saturday afternoon from Haiphong, completing its third voyage following the inauguration of the new shipping service.

The vessel carried 87 passengers, mostly Chinese, and a cargo of coal. — Our Own Correspondent.

### NEWS BEHIND 'THE NEWS'

Certain remarks let slip by the German Radio during the past week have caused people in Britain to ask themselves certain questions which the Germans might find difficult to answer — at least, to answer honestly and truthfully.

For instance, the German Radio said that "the former Chief Inspector of Police has been appointed to an important supervisory post in the German Army."

In London, people are asking: "Is increased police supervision in the German Army necessary? If so, why?"

The German Radio said: "A large number of German technicians are busy at German-occupied bases in France replacing and repairing aeroplane engines."

Have German planes received such extensive and heavy damage in their attacks on Britain, or is this necessary because of the use of poor materials in German engine construction? Finally, the German Radio said: "During an attack on London, the machine-gun of a bomber froze, as the temperature was so far below 30 degrees."

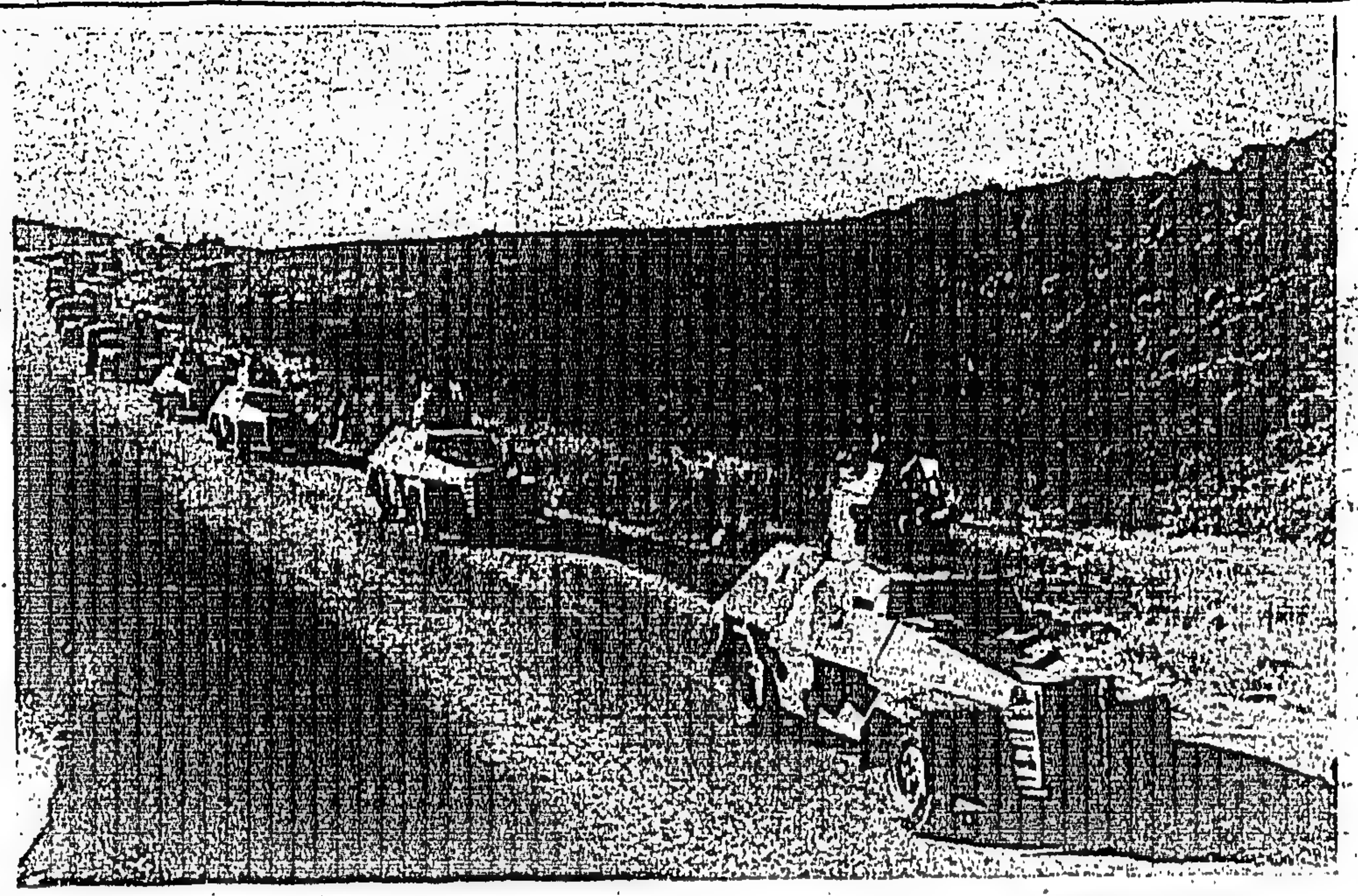
Is British anti-aircraft fire forcing the German raiders to fly as high as all that? — Reuter.

### TROOPS TURN OVER TO DE GAULLE

A large formation of troops at Libreville who opposed the advance of the Free French Forces have now asked to join them, according to a Free French communique.

Wounded on both sides were few.

General de Gaulle, who visited Libreville on Friday, received the civil and military authorities and verified that no inhabitants of Libreville were killed or wounded during the "action" operations which resulted in Gabon rallying to the Free French Empire. — Reuter.



South African armoured cars on the move "somewhere in Africa." (Copyright, Fox).

### AIR TRAINING SCHEME FOR THE RED ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS YESTERDAY ORDERED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS FOR AIRMEN IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KURSK, GORKI, KIEV AND KHARKOV.

Students will be between the ages of 16 and 18 and the schools will be affiliated with military aviation schools of the Red Army and will open on January 21 next year. — Havas.

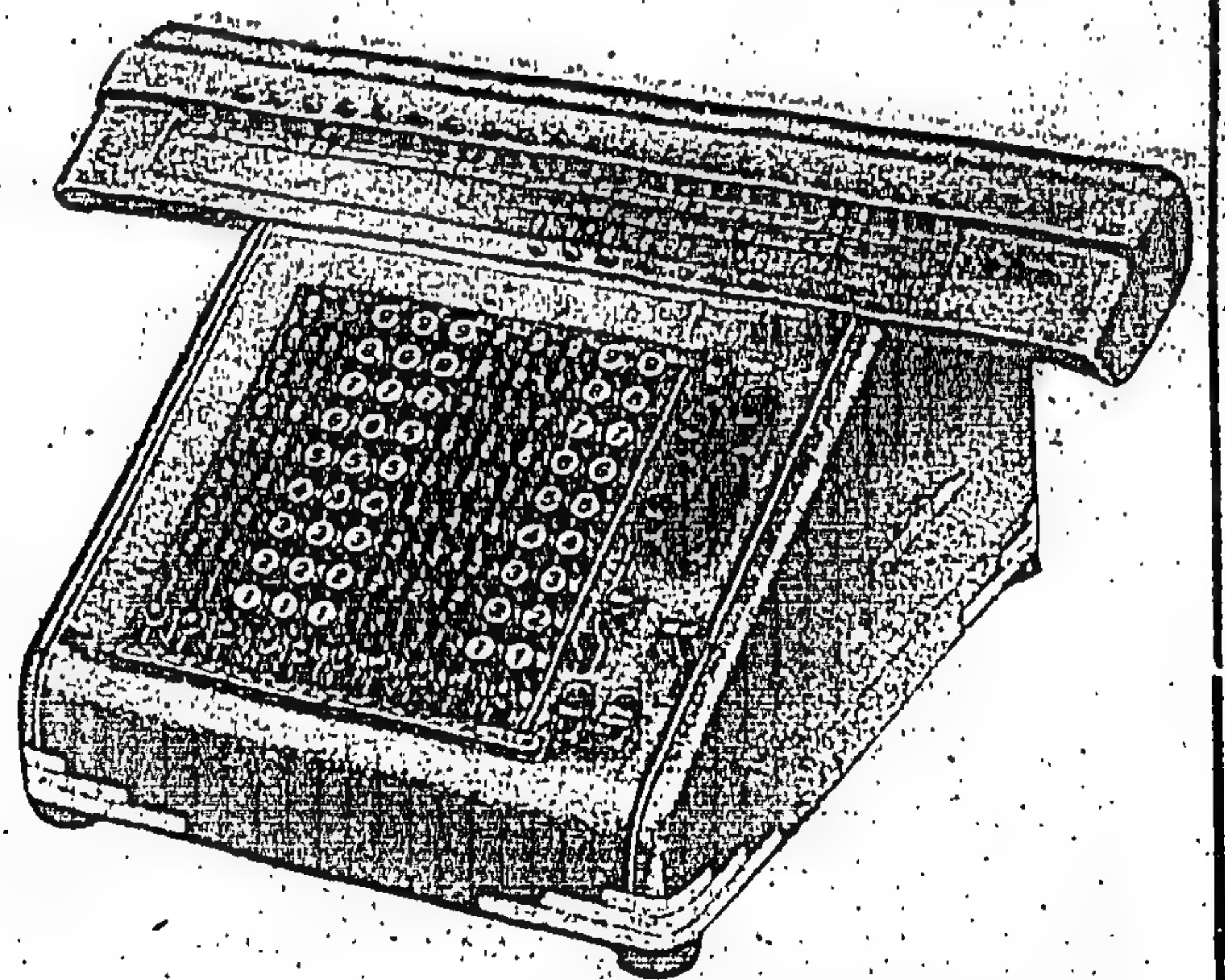
### NAZI ACTIVITY IN U.S.A.

A 500-PAGE REPORT ON SUBVERSIVE GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED. MR. MARTIN DIES, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SAID YESTERDAY.

The report, he said, will deal with 5th Column activities by German consuls and agents. He promised that a similar report on Italian agents and their work will follow very shortly. — Reuter.

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# ARABS EXPECTED TO RALLY TO BRITAIN

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent).  
AS THE WAR DEVELOPS in the Mediterranean and Middle East attention is becoming increasingly focussed on the great central mass of countries usually called the Arab States.

Nearly all these countries belonged to the old Turkish Empire and they now have not only many different forms of government but also different degrees of independence.

Truly independent States are Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen, and next come Syria, Lebanon and Trans-Jordan, which have their own governments but are under the guidance of a mandatory power.

Then come Palestine, which is directly governed by the mandatory power, and the smaller protectorate of Aden.

The attitude of all these States is vastly important at the present time.

Iraq, like Egypt, is allied to Britain but she has not declared war though all her relations with Britain's enemies have been broken off.

Her army consists of three divisions which are being trained by a British military mission.

## Pro-Ally

Saudi Arabia may be regarded as pro-Ally. Saudi Arabia is bound to Iraq by treaty of Arab brotherhood and alliance.

Yemen also subscribed to this treaty.

Difficulties over the past years in Palestine have been great but there are many indications now that the Arabs are giving the famous White Paper a trial.

Those who fled the country have now returned and many arms have been surrendered.

British troops must remain there on protective duties at least for the time being. — Reuter.

## SHATIN DRIVING INCIDENT

The Kowloon Police are endeavouring to trace an alleged hit-and-run driver who knocked down a Chinese while overtaking another car near Shatin yesterday afternoon.

Among the several witnesses were Mr. W. G. Routley, Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, Dr. Arthur Fung and Mr. F. Brett, Chief Inspector of Junks and Cargo Boats, Harbour Department.

Mr. Routley, in his report to the Police, stated that he was driving in Shatin at about 6 p.m. yesterday. There were several cars following him and a number in front. He was requested to stop by the car in front and saw a Chinese lying on the roadside having apparently been knocked down. He took the man to the Kowloon Hospital.

Dr. Fung, who requested Mr. Routley to stop, stated that he saw a car in front of his overtake another car. After hearing a cry, he saw a man rolling on the road. The man had apparently been knocked down by the car which was overtaking.

He stopped and rendered first aid treatment to the injured man. Having no room in his own vehicle he stopped the car driven by Mr. Routley.

Mr. F. Brett was among the witnesses who assisted.

The injured man, Ho Fuk, 36, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

## DIED FROM BEETLE BITE

Biten by a Rove Beetle, an insect commonly known as the "devil's coach-horse," a five-year-old Leicester boy, Anthony Bancroft, died later from blood poisoning. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded by the Leicester coroner.

Professor P. A. H. Muschamp said that he thought this was the first case on record of a "devil's coach-horse" harming anyone.

## WATERLOO ROAD ACCIDENT

Mrs. H. Danbrowsky, wife of Police Sergeant Danbrowsky, was slightly injured on Saturday morning when she was knocked down by a lorry in Waterloo Road. The accident occurred at 9.20 a.m. while Mrs. Danbrowsky was walking with Mrs. Pengelly.

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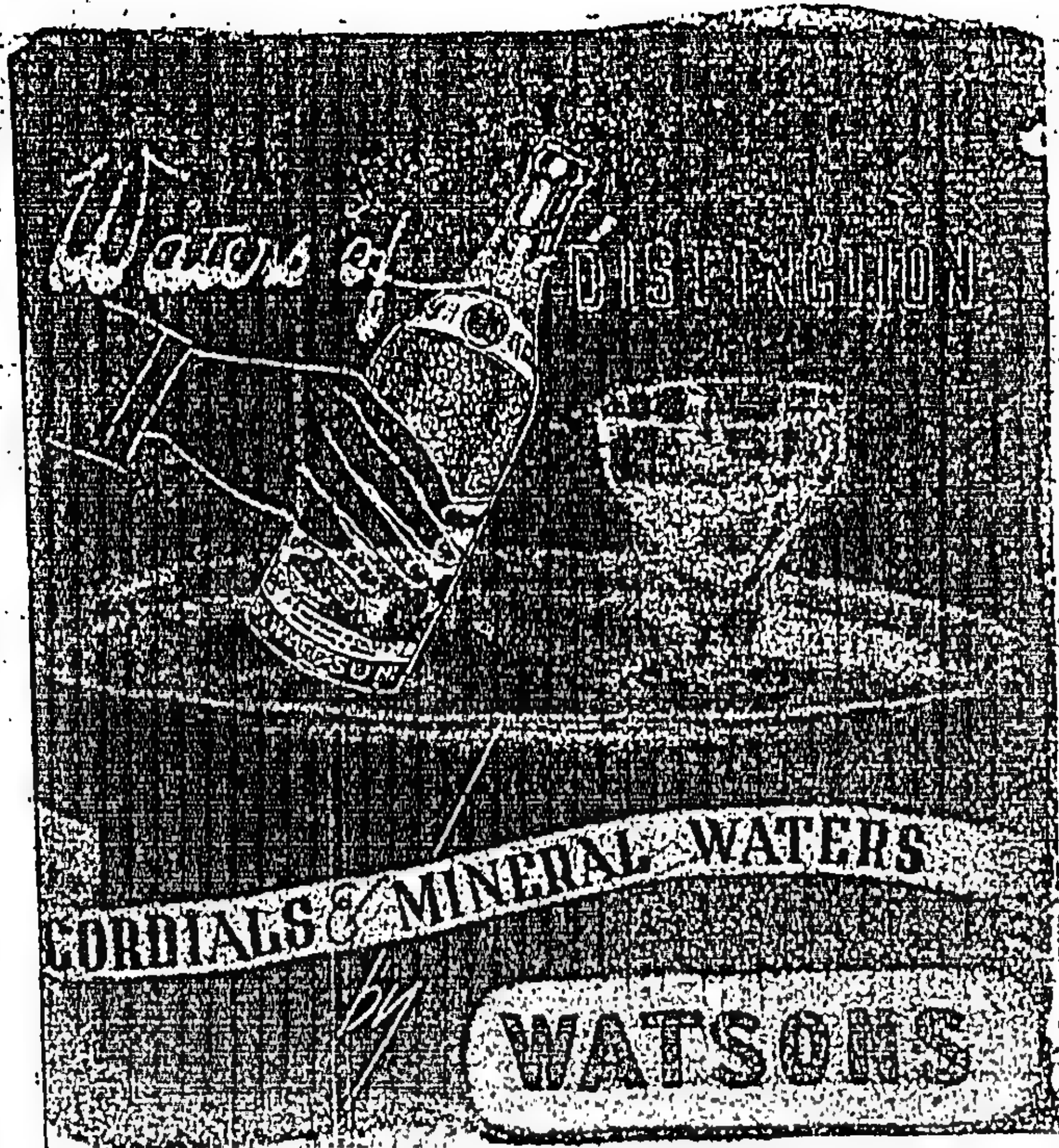
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# A CRITICAL STAGE IN AIR WAR

WHILE THE ATTACKS on Great Britain by the German Air Force continue, the position becomes clearer.

During all this month the chief efforts of the enemy have been directed against the Royal Air Force. Fighter stations along the south coast of England have been subjected to heavy attacks day after day. Naturally material damage was done, but no aerodrome has been put out of action for long.

By night the raiders have flown further afield and have attempted to attack industrial targets, but their lack of training in night flying has resulted in far less profit than has been gained by our bomber squadrons over Germany and Italy.

new Germany to run away with their discretion and skill. Although the daylight attacks have so far formed the spearhead of the German attacks, the night raids are gradually growing in intensity. They must be expected to grow in scale.

## The Daylight Raids

The whole direction of German policy still points to one aim—that of invasion. A necessary preliminary was the wearing down and final knocking out of the R.A.F. in the locality selected for the main offensive or invasion. So far the results have been less than negligible, for after a month of furious assault our fighter and bomber strength in men and machines stands higher than ever. The spirit and enthusiasm of the Royal Air Force were never higher.

To gain a fuller understanding of the present position of the air war at a decisive stage in the battle we must examine the separate aspects of the scene. First of all there are the massed attacks launched with monotonous regularity about three times a day and repelled with heavy losses just as regularly. During the past week the fighter escorts to the bombers engaged in these raids have been more than doubled, until forty enemy bombers are often escorted by protective screens of something like 120 fighters.

That greatly increased proportion of fighters to bombers in the enemy formations accounts for the smaller ratio of British victories during the past week. Even so the Spitfires, Hurricanes and Defiants are shooting down between two and three enemy machines for every loss they suffer themselves. And that, despite and often perhaps because of, the vastly greater numbers of the enemy in individual engagements. For big formations are unwieldy in defence.

Except on one or two isolated occasions, when small formations have slipped through unobserved, all these daylight attacks have been turned back near the coast.

## Our Advantage

Some people wonder why the air raid warnings by day nearly always last between three-quarters of an hour and an hour and a quarter. The reason lies chiefly in the limited endurance of the enemy's escorting fighters.

In normal conditions the Messerschmidt 109 has an endurance of 2 1/4 hours. With fighting on the way this may be reduced to less than two hours. Lack of ammunition after a scrap also drives them home. A Messerschmidt 109 carries ammunition for not more than forty seconds of firing. Our own fighters, "playing at home," have the advantage, for they can attack in relays and return to re-arm and refuel at speed.

The results of this month of daylight attacks are encouraging in that they show that the Fighter Command can deal faithfully with any aeroplanes the Germans can send against us, even when they are served up in greatly superior numbers.

## The Night Raids

The quality of the men as much as the quality of the equipment contributes to this great success. The enthusiasm of the eager volunteer is always more than a match for the regimented fanaticism of the enemy type. The devotion to duty of the type of man who would rather forgo leave than miss a scrap is worth far more than the over-excited, over-anxious, and over-wrought attitude of men of the German Air Force who allow their passion for the

For the past three months heavy bomber units of the Luftwaffe have been training in Eastern Germany for extensive night-flying operations. They have been completing that training over England, first with their aim chiefly as "nuisance value." More lately, as their experience grew they have aimed at aircraft factories and industrial plants. Even so the efforts of the German night raiders, still haphazard and badly judged, do not compare with the studied and effective attacks by our night bombers over Germany. We are dropping bomb for bomb and doing far more damage to the selected targets.

So far the German night raiders have been favoured with good weather. First there was a moon and now a succession of bright starlight nights. These conditions are ideal for the training, which the German crews so much need. They have proved ideal as well for the training of our own searchlights and anti-aircraft defences. They have shown the tremendous odds weighted against successful interception at night. In fact, our night-flying fighters—chiefly two-motor Blenheims—have done well to shoot down several of the raiders.

## When Dark Night Come

When the bad weather comes, with low cloud and absolute darkness, we must expect a certain amount of morally indefensible promiscuous "splash" bombing by the enemy. He will not dare to come down below the cloud base for fear of barrage balloons. He may be sitting up in the clear sky above the clouds. But even the most enthusiastic exponent of astronomical navigation does not claim to be able to fix his position by star sights nearer than two miles to any point.

We shall have some heavy bombing to face in the near future. But with the experience of the past month we can face it with confidence. It will be more unpleasant, but we can stick it. It will be still more unpleasant for the Germans. Their regimented spirit may not stand up so well in the long run. The greatest responsibility of all lies not with the Fighter and Bomber Commands—they have proved their mettle—but with the thousands of workers of the aircraft and allied industries at home. We have wrested the lead in aircraft production from the enemy. His production is being decreased by the repeated raids of the R.A.F. We must maintain our own output and replace every machine lost with two more. So far we are nearly doing that. Nothing must prevent its continuance.

## The A.A. Gunners

A word of praise should be said for the often-forgotten anti-aircraft guns, which provide an inner ring of defence and have on occasion—done magnificently. There is one recorded instance in which a battery brought down seven German aeroplanes in nine shots and received congratulations from the King. There is perhaps a tendency on the part of the Fighter Command to keep the gunners in leading strings, and to answer grumbles with examples of fatal errors in the past. That may be natural.

A deeper schooling in the recognition of aircraft would make possible the trusting of gunners with more initiative. Too often

## MORE LOOT FROM FRANCE

The looting by the Germans of all stocks and crops in occupied France has since been amply confirmed. Day after day news comes from various sources that supplies of food are more and more coming under the organised plundering of the invader.

The spreading of such news seems greatly to disturb the Germans. Their propaganda claims that the populations of the invaded countries will be starving next winter and various appeals have been made to America. It was anticipated that whole cargoes of foodstuffs would be cleared through the British blockade and reach French ports where, in spite of all pledges, the invaders would first make their choice.

The Press of Western Switzerland, particularly, has printed detailed reports from over the French border which have caused much annoyance to the Germans. In retaliation, they have closed the frontier, and even Swiss farmers who cultivate fields across it are refused all access to them.

The reports say that the peasants in the Jura valleys and the Pays de Gex are forbidden to thresh, to gather potatoes, and to slaughter pigs and cattle without a written permit delivered by a German official. Sixty per cent. of the crops is sent to Germany in sealed bags.

All men, even Customs officers, are compelled to work on the land and the repair of roads, and women are forbidden to knit or do needlework in the day-time, as they must help in farm work. As to the products of the cheese-dairies of the Jura—the famous Gruyere, Septmoncel, and Chevrets—they are packed off wholesale for the enjoyment of Teutonic palates.

## Wine And Cider Harvests

In Normandy and Brittany, where cider is the common drink, owners of apple orchards cannot brew without the written authorisations laying down the permitted weight to be brewed. All the crop in excess is seized and piled into trucks, in long trains bound for Germany, with the quip sometimes chalked on their sides, "For Ribbentrop, ersatz champagne."

The same regions, with Poitou and Charente, are large butter and cheese producing districts. There also private and co-operative dairies work under the supervision of a German official, who makes a clean sweep of their products.

The vineyards of the Loire and Champagne, where the grape harvest is abundant this year, are under the same rule. No wine-press is allowed to be used without its German overseer, who checks its output in view of possible theft.

The result of all this systematic plundering will be a serious shortage during the winter. As the same thorough process is applied in Belgium, Holland, Denmark, and Poland, the European populations now under the German heel face the prospect of starvation.

the work of instruction in identification is left to the individual initiative of the men themselves. The system of training in identification needs completely overhauling. Though its difficulties are immense it is of vital importance.

With losses of 20 per cent. and more in every daylight attack no enemy aeroplane crosses our coast more than four times before it is shot down. In one month of attacks the Germans have furthered their strategic preparations not one whit.





## ITALY'S DILEMMA

Italy's next moves in the series of rude shocks of the last week or two must be causing many sleepless nights in Rome.

The grave misjudgment of the strength of Greek resistance was bad enough in itself. It became a first-class tactical blunder when it gave Britain the extremely valuable naval base of Crete, athwart the passage to Libya and to the Dodecanese. The disaster of Taranto—the loss of three Italian battleships is now definitely confirmed—robs Il Duce of the most obvious retort, to give battle to the British Fleet.

As things stand, his dilemma is acute. If the attack on Egypt is not soon launched, it never will be. It would not be surprising therefore if signs of activity at Sidi Barrani were soon detected.

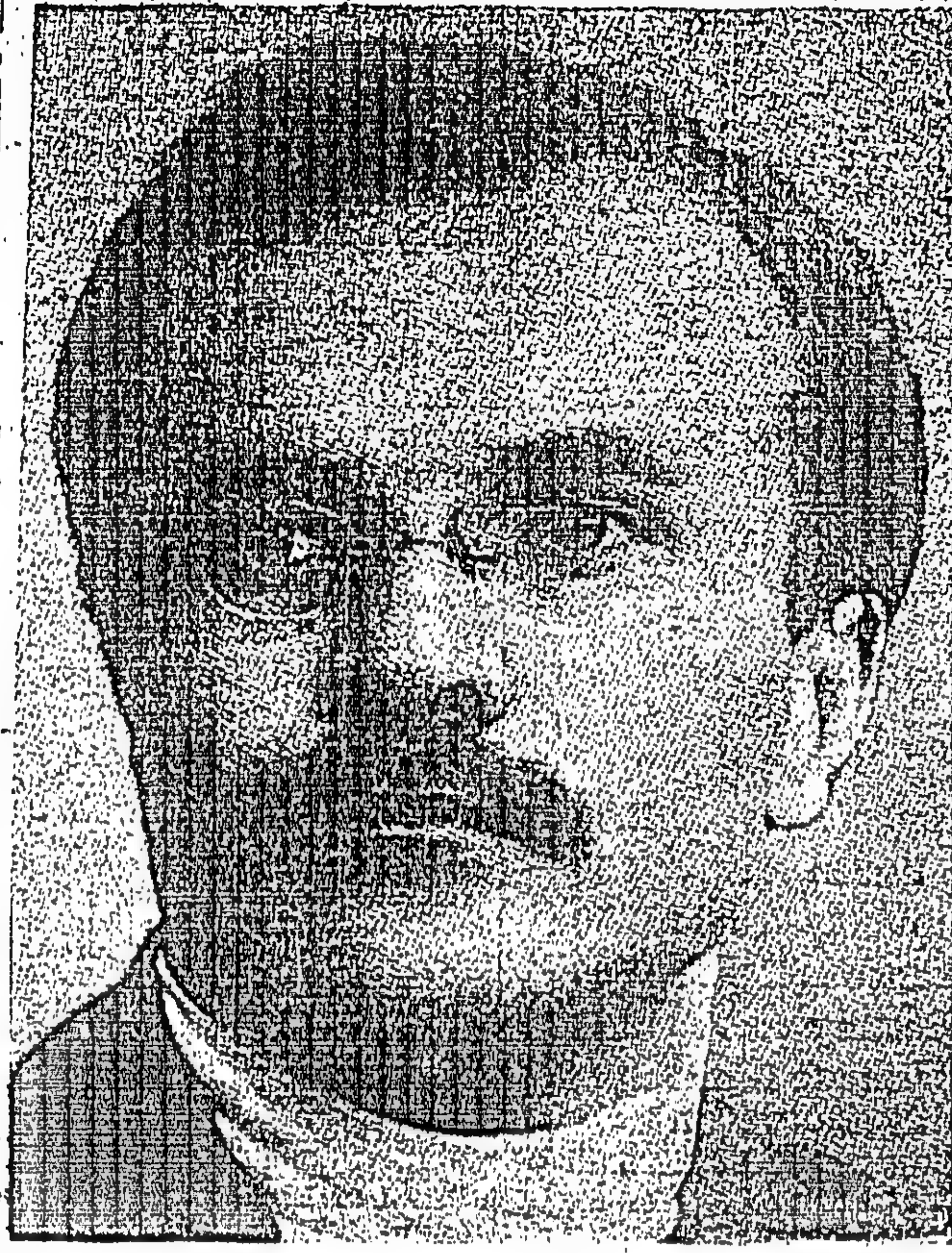
Italy's forces are said to be ready for an advance along the coastal road towards Alexandria. In the East she has been so long meditating an advance on Khartum from Kassala and on Port Sudan, which is Khartum's natural link with the outer world that the initiative is passing. The third report of her hopes to cross Egypt's deserts from the depths of Libya and, after five hundred waterless miles, to reach the Nile at Wadi Halfa seems the fruit of someone's too heroic imagination. She may strike at Alexandria across the desert to make an alternative threat to the one along the coast, but she is hardly likely to go lower than the Siwa oasis, which itself is two hundred miles from the sea and provides difficulties in plenty. We shall not underestimate the Italians; they had little opposition in Somaliland, but made none of the expected mistakes and did things easily—like the advance along the coast—which people in high places said they could not do at all. Beyond their talents they have great superiority in numbers, for what it is worth in a region in which numbers are hard to maintain. Against them we have the promise of Egyptian aid, and we have there some of the finest troops to be found in the Empire. The fleet, which Italy always feared to engage, has been enlarged. To-day the Near East is more important than Britain, for beyond

When on the morning of the 4th May of last year the news spread abroad in Europe that Litvinoff had been overthrown, and that Molotov was his successor, there could only have been a few who were acquainted with the name of the latter. This was somewhat remarkable as Molotov had been already for nine years Chairman of the Council of the People's Commissars of the Soviet Union, a position corresponding somewhat to that of prime minister in some European States. He still keeps this position in addition to that of Minister of Foreign Affairs. On the other hand this was not surprising, because Molotov belongs to that Russian-Asiatic type whose face is not the index to the mind, and indeed to a European observer his appearance seems almost entirely without interest. Of an unassuming exterior, medium height, loose hair, he is one whose whole appearance reminded one of the Russian 'intelligentsia' of pre-War days. With their somewhat limited provincial outlook, there is nothing brilliant or anything striking about him. A couple of people polished by the grinding stream of the Revolution and cast up to the surface.

However, it was everywhere perceived that with the deposition of Litvinoff, a definite phase of the foreign policy of the Union of Soviets had come to an end. Litvinoff was generally overrated on the European stage, upon which he smoothly but often grotesquely moved. He never belonged to the inner circle of the Soviet Administration. He was always an agent merely, and was utilised as a facade by Stalin in that period when it was the concern of the Kremlin to make a pretence of levelling up to the Western democracies.

Molotov is in many ways just the opposite of his predecessor Litvinoff, who was of Jewish birth. He is Russian and was formerly called Skryabin. The name Molotov—it means something like 'hammerman'—he assumed (as Stalin did) during the Great War as a revolutionary nom-de-guerre. The career of the 50 year old Molotov corresponds in all

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respects to that of one of the old Bolshevik revolutionaries.

While still a school-boy he became connected with the Communists and was banished to Siberia. In 1917 he worked with Stalin on the editorial staff of the then illegal 'Pravda', and, later, in the Revolutionary Committee which prepared the October rising. Since then he has been in the train of Stalin in his opposition from phase to phase, as his true shadow, he was

ready in the last days of Lenin a strong opponent of Trotsky, indeed almost the only opponent in the then Soviet bureaucracy. In the nine years in which he worked as Chairman of the Council of the People's Commissars, he has made many long speeches at Party Congresses, and in them hardly a single, original thought is to be found.

Like Stalin he is that type of the turner Bolshevik revolutionaries who has never lived out of Russia.

He knows no foreign language, and even in Russian he is handicapped by an impediment of speech. The only characteristic which, when mention is made of Molotov, is always repeated, is his 'fidelity to Stalin'. He is a tenacious organiser, for whom the foreign political field is not entirely new, since he, for years functioned as middle-man between Stalin and Litvinoff.

With his taking over of the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, the 'Stalinisation' of Soviet-Russian diplomacy was first really brought to fruition. Of the three Jews who occupied the Embassies in Rome, Paris and London, Stein, the Ambassador in Rome, has disappeared. The termination of the careers of the others is only a matter of time. This is all in accordance with the new policy, namely, the elimination of Jewish influence, and, as Stalin himself said a few months ago, 'The Soviet Union does not intend any longer to take the chestnuts out of the fire for the democratic Powers.'

Litvinoff's fall must be attributed to the fact that he was too compliant vis a vis England. After the entry of Molotov into office the representatives of the Western Powers were again and again rebuffed. What signification could this have? The Kremlin wished to use the opportunity to demonstrate that the Soviet Union, which since the mis-carriage of the Red-Spanish adventure, seemed to have been squeezed out diplomatically from Europe, did not intend to re-enter upon the political chess-board as a mere pawn. Pursuing this line of action matters were so arranged that British negotiations ended in failure.

Molotov is universally known in Moscow by the nickname of 'the steel back,' an untranslatable play upon Stalin's name, which means 'steel'. It is clear that the Kremlin believes that the policy that was ushered in with the pact with France and continued with the Soviet's entry into the League of Nations, must be cast overboard as having been unsuccessful. New alignments must be made, and Molotov will be the cold-blooded executor of these. 'Twentieth Century,' Berlin.

## Hitler's Star May Wane In The East

Though the war round our coasts and over our cities and the threat of invasion from the French ports continues to engage public attention, it is undoubtedly a source of anxiety to Hitler and Mussolini that we can spare more than a little thought to the Mediterranean; thought, moreover, backed up by strong reinforcements to our Mediterranean fleet, and to our armies and Air Force in Africa.

Comings and goings between Berlin, Rome, and Madrid have been concerned primarily with Gibraltar and its neighbourhood, while in the Eastern Mediterranean, Syria and the Arab world are receiving blandishments from Italy; and to back those blandishments up in the East, as in Spain, Britain is being represented as 'practically' beaten.

Here, then, is the diplomatic prelude to the opening of what may well prove to be the greatest naval and military drama that the Mediterranean has seen in its thousands of years of war experience.

Hitler is about to stage his attack on the British Empire

the canal, at which Italy aims, lies the oil which Germany cannot for long do without. The assault on the free Empire may begin at any moment, from other points as well as Egypt, and it is indeed the greatest challenge we have ever faced. But because the only good future for the world hangs on our success we shall stand firm and gain it.

as the only alternative to his failure to frighten us by his Blitzkrieg into making peace.

He is, in fact, and of necessity, repeating Napoleon's strategy.

The diplomatic activities upon which Hitler and Mussolini are engaged point to what may be called an Outer War and an Inner War.

The Outer War is concerned with the raising of the blockade

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of the Mediterranean; if this remains intact, it must render any military successes within the blockade barren. Because they cannot win for Italy what she must have—cargoes from the extra-European world.

Hence the feverish efforts of the Axis to obtain the means of making Gibraltar untenable for the Navy, and, to a less degree, Aden.

With these two sea-gates securely in our hands, the blockade of Europe will go on regardless of military developments within its stranglehold.

The Outer War—the blockade—has been joined since the day that war was declared; in spite of severe losses and anxieties it has gone heavily against the Axis,

their victories over weak Powers in Europe notwithstanding.

The Inner War against Britain is now opening in Egypt; a defeat of the Axis on land in this historic country may well prove its Waterloo. Hence the overwhelming importance of pending events in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The relative strength of the opposing forces on the Libyan and Sudan frontiers are not generally known, though the numerical superiority of the Italian armies at the moment is widely assumed.

### Sea-Power The Key

But the key to this military campaign still lies with sea power. So long as we are dominant in the outer seas, our land and air forces can be steadily reinforced and supplied from the East and round the Cape from the West.

If, however, our dominance inside the Mediterranean were successfully challenged, the Axis could reinforce their African and Near Eastern armies across the narrows of the Mediterranean.

The war would thus become a vast land campaign—a veritable Armageddon in that little corner of the world forecast as the scene of the great battle of the nations and the theatre in which Hitler, in his recent Sportpalast speech, prophesied that 'millions must die' if we refused to be intimidated into making peace.

That, briefly, is the strategic position with which the British Commonwealth is faced.

We have an army of incomparable soldiers in the Near East and a great reservoir of reinforcements at home and in the Dominions.

The Arab world, and the Palestine Jews, are coming together with Britain to resist the onslaught on our common liberties.

Between Germany and the scene of coming conflict lie Turkey and Syria. By sea alone—so far as can at present be foreseen—can German and Italian reinforcements reach their African armies.

### Importance Of Bases

Threatening that narrow seacrossing is the British Navy, strongly reinforced within the last few weeks.

But the Navy must have a secure base from which to operate in the Eastern Mediterranean; hence the importance of Alexandria, and other minor bases for small craft such as Haifa and Cyprus.

There is no doubt that Hitler and Mussolini had calculated on the ability of their bombers and submarines to dominate these narrow seas and thus to sterilise our seapower, just as Hitler had hoped to do in the English Channel.

But just as Hitler has been disappointed here, so is Mussolini being disappointed there. The Navy keeps the sea while the Italian battle fleet lurks in harbour.

In the coming weeks the land battle for Alexandria, and the intrigues to sterilise our blockade at Gibraltar from the land, will share with the attack on Britain the attention of the world.



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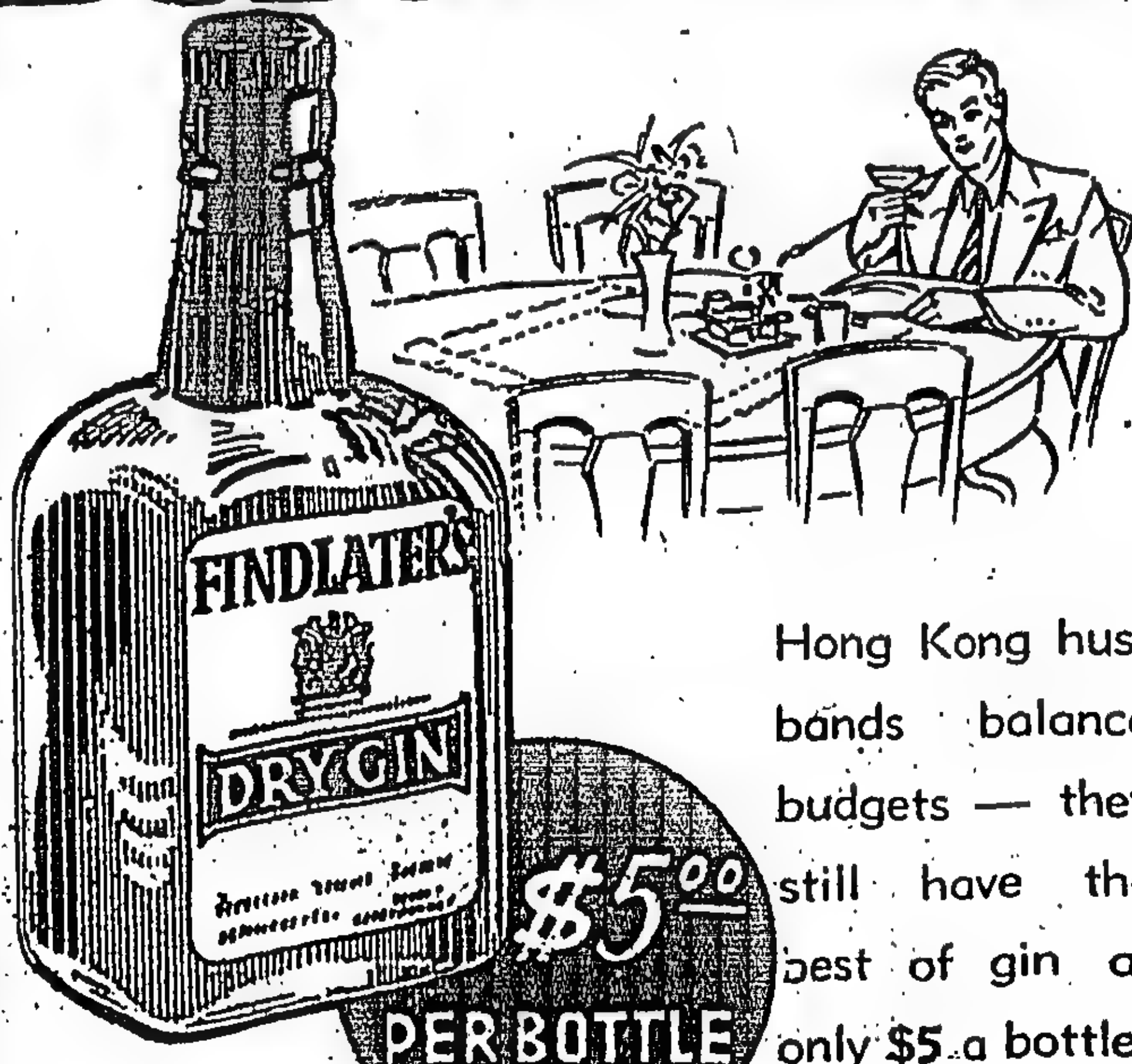
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LONDON'S TERRIFIC anti-aircraft barrage again proved most effective throughout the dark hours. Although enemy raiders dropped bombs in many parts of the capital, the aiming was inaccurate.

Earlier in the day low-lying clouds had obscured the raiders, but with the rising of the moon the skies cleared, and it was possible for the searchlights to pick up lone raiders and to hold them for action by our fighters. At least one raider was dispatched by this means.

The pilot of a fighter on patrol over London saw searchlights concentrate on a point several miles to the north. A Heinkel 111 bomber was held in their beams, and for twenty minutes the fighter gave chase.

Though some of the searchlights had lost the enemy, three or four of them still held him. When the fighter opened fire the Heinkel dropped bombs to lighten its load. At the same time bullets from the Heinkel's rear-gun hit the windscreen and wing of the fighter. But the fighter's bullets had struck home and the Heinkel dropped flaming out of the sky. Following it down, the fighter pilot saw the explosion as it crashed.

Four other raiders, unable to penetrate the heavy gunfire, were tackled by British fighters over a south-eastern town and one is reported to have been brought down. Another was severely damaged in a machine-gun duel and it was seen to be losing height rapidly as it made for the coast chased by two Spitfires.

8½ Hours' Raid  
Warning

In the London area the air-raid warning was sounded at approximately nine o'clock at night, and the "all clear" was not given until 5.30 the next morning.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué issued later in the morning stated: "Enemy air attacks during the night were mainly concentrated on the London area and on a town in South Wales."

The attacks on London were resumed soon after dark, and were again maintained throughout the greater part of the night. Though bombs were dropped in many parts of the capital and its suburbs, most of the damage was caused in the eastern, southern, and south-western districts.

"Dwelling houses and industrial premises in several districts were damaged, and a number of fires were started. Many of the fires have already been extinguished, and all are now under control."

"In South Wales high explosive and incendiary bombs which fell in one town caused some damage to houses and other buildings. Details of the casualties are not yet available."

"An enemy aircraft was shot down by our fighters during the night."

One raider which flew over Central London released a stick of three high explosive bombs. One of the bombs appears to have glanced from the roof of a building. It crashed into the side of a block opposite, where it exploded and brought down a large section of the wall.

The other two dropped in a line forward of this mark and made direct hits on a large block of flats. Each bomb which struck the block blew out a huge section of masonry and destroyed numerous flats on several floors.

All the occupants of the block had taken refuge in the shelters within the building, and there was not a single casualty.

Houses Demolished

The suburban areas, however, did not escape so lightly.

One of the dormitories of London's city workers in the south-west received a full load of bombs when raiders were diverted from their course by the heavy barrage.

A purely residential district, miles from anything in the nature of a military objective, or even a factory, suffered particularly, but, despite considerable damage, there were scarcely any casualties.

A high explosive bomb fell on the outskirts of a park in South London. Two trees were torn

up by the roots a park shelter collapsed, and a huge crater was made.

In West London a church was seriously damaged and the adjoining vicarage was almost completely demolished when three bombs were dropped. Parts of the exterior walls of the church were shattered when a bomb fell in the churchyard. A portion of the roof collapsed and brought down with it the interior of the church. Every stained-glass window was destroyed.

250 Incendiaries

It is estimated that 250 incendiary bombs fell in another West London district, but all with two exceptions were effectively dealt with by stirrup pumps.

One exception was a women's club where the damage also was not great. The other also caused minor damage.

A famous London building was one of the places on which incendiaries were showered. The institution has its own A.R.P. service. The bombs did slight damage to the records department and to some old timber.

Three bombs which fell in a south-west district partly demolished a post office and several houses in streets nearby. The houses were reduced to masses of rubble, and digging continued for several hours.

The rescue party went on with their work despite air-raid alarms. Two or three fatal casualties are feared, but two babies evacuated only a day or two before from the East End had amazing escapes. One, aged only about nine weeks, was found, after four hours' digging, unhurt except for a scratch on the face, clasped in its mother's arms. The baby's little brother aged two and a half, was rescued unconscious. The mother and father were injured.

A theatre in South-East London was set on fire by incendiary bombs and badly damaged before the flames were extinguished.

In another south-east London district a high-explosive bomb struck a maternity hospital. No one was hurt, as all patients and staff were in shelters.

Casualties in The  
Provinces

When a bomb dropped near a South-East England urban council control centre three houses were demolished. The control centre was undamaged. Five adults in one of the houses were killed.

A woman was killed when a bomb hit her house in the centre of a South-East coast resort. Bombs fell in a line down a concrete road, making huge craters. Hundreds of windows were broken.

In another South-East coast town whistling and oil bombs were dropped, and in one of the main streets the Town Hall was damaged.

Considerable damage was done to business and other property. The solitary raider had previously circled round the town. Its first bomb, a high explosive, fell a few yards short of the Town Hall. A piece of concrete from the canopy of the assembly hall was blown 200 yards on to the choir vestry of one of the oldest churches in the town.

Two other bombs fell on the

HUNDREDS  
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Casualties, in the raids on London have necessitated big calls on the blood transfusion service. Supplies of blood are being regularly delivered to the hospitals, often during raids, and hundreds of lives have been saved.

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TURKEY  
WILL  
FIGHT

INFORMED TURKISH QUARTERS SAID IN ISTANBUL THAT TURKEY HOPES FOR BENEVOLENT RUSSIAN NEUTRALITY IN THE BALKANS AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, BUT THAT TURKEY WILL FIGHT IF SHE IS "VITALLY THREATENED," REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF FOREIGN COMMISSAR V. M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT TO BERLIN.

These quarters added that any movement in Bulgaria against Turkey "would be considered sufficient cause for war."

Molotov's Berlin visit has aroused grave misgivings in Istanbul. Officials were silent but foreign observers expressed the opinion that Turkey was likely to have been the major topic of the Berlin conference.—Associated Press.

YUGOSLAVS  
ON GUARD

TURKEY'S NEWSPAPERS URGED YUGOSLAVIA TO STAND FIRM AGAINST ANY NEW AXIS ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE THE BALKANS.

They said it was learned that when the Greco war broke out Turkey had urged Britain to give every possible aid to Greece. Turkey is increasing her air raid shelters and calling up reservists.

Meanwhile it was learned unofficially in Belgrade that Yugoslav frontier troop concentrations have increased and the borders of the country are being closely guarded especially in the mountain areas adjacent to Albania.—Associated Press.

other side of the Town Hall. The raider, gunned a searchlight station, the occupants of which promptly "let go" in reply.

A hole was made in the roof of a library in the town centre, and in the roof of premises next to it. A chandelier struck had a large portion torn away. Six casualties, including one fatal, have so far been reported.

The raider sped along the coast over town after town. Incendiaries fell on two neighbouring estates, but teams of householders put fires out with stirrup pumps.



# NEW TACTICS IN THE AIR AND THE R.A.F. REPLY

INTENSIFICATION OF the German air assault has brought into play the tenacity of the Royal Air Force and the aircraft workers. The civil population in general also showed courage and firmness; but the enemy's main offensive was directed at Royal Air Force bases and at war industries.

It was on aerodromes and in aircraft factories that the ordeal by bombing reached its harshest pitch. It was withstood magnificently.

The position was unmistakable, and through the haze of official communiques the people of Britain saw it. The Germans were making a second bid to force back the air frontier by causing us to abandon some of our southern aerodromes.

The attacks on factories had this same end in view, for they were intended to lower our aircraft output and keep our fighter forces dispersed.

## Question Of Density

Air frontiers are not lines; they resemble chemical suspensions. The density of the aircraft suspended over an area is the measure of their control over that area. In 1918 the sign of Allied air supremacy was the maintenance both by day and by night of a heavy density of Allied aircraft over enemy territory.

If now the Germans could maintain a sufficient density of bombers over South-east England they would eventually force us to abandon some of our air bases there, and they would have shifted the air frontier to our disadvantage though without actually occupying those aerodromes.

So far they have failed in this enterprise. The signs are that they will fail more signally in the future. The splendid work of the fighter pilots and air gunners (for some of the machines are multi-seaters) and the courageous tenacity of the devoted ground staffs, who work on in spite of attack and in face of the risks of the "personnel" bombs which the Germans have been using against them, have defeated all the enemy's attempts.

(These personnel bombs are so fused that their fragments spread at very flat angles, skimming the grass. They are sometimes dropped from German fighters).

## The Counter-Attack

When most hard pressed the Royal Air Force has been most resolute, in its determination to hold on and, when the moment is ripe, to carry the fight back over enemy territory and shift the air frontier outwards from these islands.

The time for the counter-attack may be this year or next. First the Luftwaffe must batter itself against our defences until it is judged to have somewhat abated its numerical preponderance. Then there will be the start of the "twenty-four hours offensive," with offensive fighter patrols over German-occupied territory and with bombing attacks on German targets proceeding round the clock.

Mr. Churchill, disclosed in his speech that we had not yet employed our main force in the air. This will be flung in when the counter-attack is begun. It will develop a hitting power far greater than anything of which the world has yet had experience.

## German Strategy

While the Luftwaffe is being allowed to wear itself down on our defences, however, there must be for us an intensification of the ordeal. The present German technique of sending over large formations from which small ones detach themselves to dart out and damage selected objectives is difficult to counter—even to warn against—and the ratio of British to German aircraft destroyed has been less favourable than at first.

Other reasons for the deterioration in ratio are the wider use by the Germans of the Messerschmidt Jaguar high performance day bomber (a development of the Me 110) and the greater weight of armour carried in the slower

bombers. Some of these now have about 400 lb. of armour, which implies a reduction in bomb load even at these short ranges, but slightly increased safety.

## The Reply

But there are answers to all these things. To the high performance day bomber the answer is the higher performance interceptor fighter; to armour, the cannon; to new tactics, other new tactics. These answers will ensure that the "conquering ratio" will be re-established.

Meanwhile the supreme duty of all those on the ground is best emphasised by a story told last week by a pilot of the Bomber Command. He had been bombing the marshalling yard at Hamm. It is an immense area, almost covered with railway lines; a perfect target. One night, at the culmination of a series of raids, an ammunition train blew up and the pilot believed that the place would be wrecked beyond repair. Yet a few night later, when he went out again, he saw trains running once more.

This illustrates that a vital need in air defence is swiftness in the repair of bomb damage of military importance. Not only must our fighters be fast, but our repair squads also. When aerodromes and factories are hit the repairs must go through at lightning speed. In every field speed is the best counter stroke to air attack. Air war, indeed, is an affair of speed, and the winner is he who flies fastest, manufactures fastest, and repairs fastest.

## GRIM TEST FOR THE A.R.P.

### Long Hours And Big Risks

All will agree with Mr. Herbert Morrison that Civil Defence workers should be honoured in the same way as men of the Services. London's A.R.P., put to the grimtest test, has come through triumphantly.

Everyone engaged in Civil Defence has worked long hours. Many, after their normal daily routine, have gone on duty as soon as they reached home—and, shortly after the "All Clear" at daybreak, returned to work once more.

Wardens have extinguished hundreds of incendiary bombs, dangerous fires in embryo; they have risked showers of falling shrapnel while patrolling their sectors. After bombs have fallen their work has been trebled and quadrupled.

They have organised the evacuation of those in shaky, damaged houses or near spreading fires or unexploded bombs, and they have arranged, too, for the accommodation of homeless families in halls, schools, clubs and empty houses. Mobile canteens have brought refreshment to those who needed it.

Rescue work, first-aid—all the services have dovetailed. The plans of many months ago have been operated at last—and London's A.R.P., transforming its months of theory into a week of practice, has noted with superb success.

## "YOU'RE A GREAT KING!"

"You're a great King," shouted a man within arm's length during His Majesty's visit to the East End.

That was after the second attack on Buckingham Palace, and in a flash came the King's answer: "You are a great people."

## LONDON'S HUMOUR & COURAGE

"I FEEL LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS," REMARKED A MAN LEAVING A LONDON SHELTER EARLY IN THE MORNING, STATED THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "ALLEHANDA."

This remark, added the correspondent, was typical of Londoners, who showed not the least irritation after sleepless nights now that British gunfire had replaced the noise of exploding Nazi bombs.

The correspondent also recorded that humour, friendliness and courage were radiating as never before, particularly among people in the East End.

Invasion was the general subject of conversation, concluded the writer, but it was awaited with excitement, not with dread.



## A HA'PORTH OF TAR

"Steward, there's tar on my dinner jacket."

"Yessir. Off the rigging, Sir. We told you it was wet, Sir, but you wouldn't take no notice. Up you went like a two-year-old."

"I see. And what did I do next?"

"You sang some songs, Sir. Greatly appreciated they was. Some of the crew asked me if you'd be so good as to write out the words."

"I'll have to think about that, Steward. So altogether it was a pretty mately night?"

"There's been nothing like it on the South China Sea, Sir, since the Purser

won the Irish Sweep. All the other gentlemen are confined to their bunks, Sir. They say it was the lobster mayonnaise."

"Lobster grandmother! Why didn't they stick to gin and Rose's as I did? I haven't got a hangover."

"You're not the first gentleman I've heard say that about Rose's Lime Juice. Not by a long chalk."

"Good. And now I think I could do with an eye-opener—a nice stiff gin and Rose's. I suppose the sun is over the yardarm?"

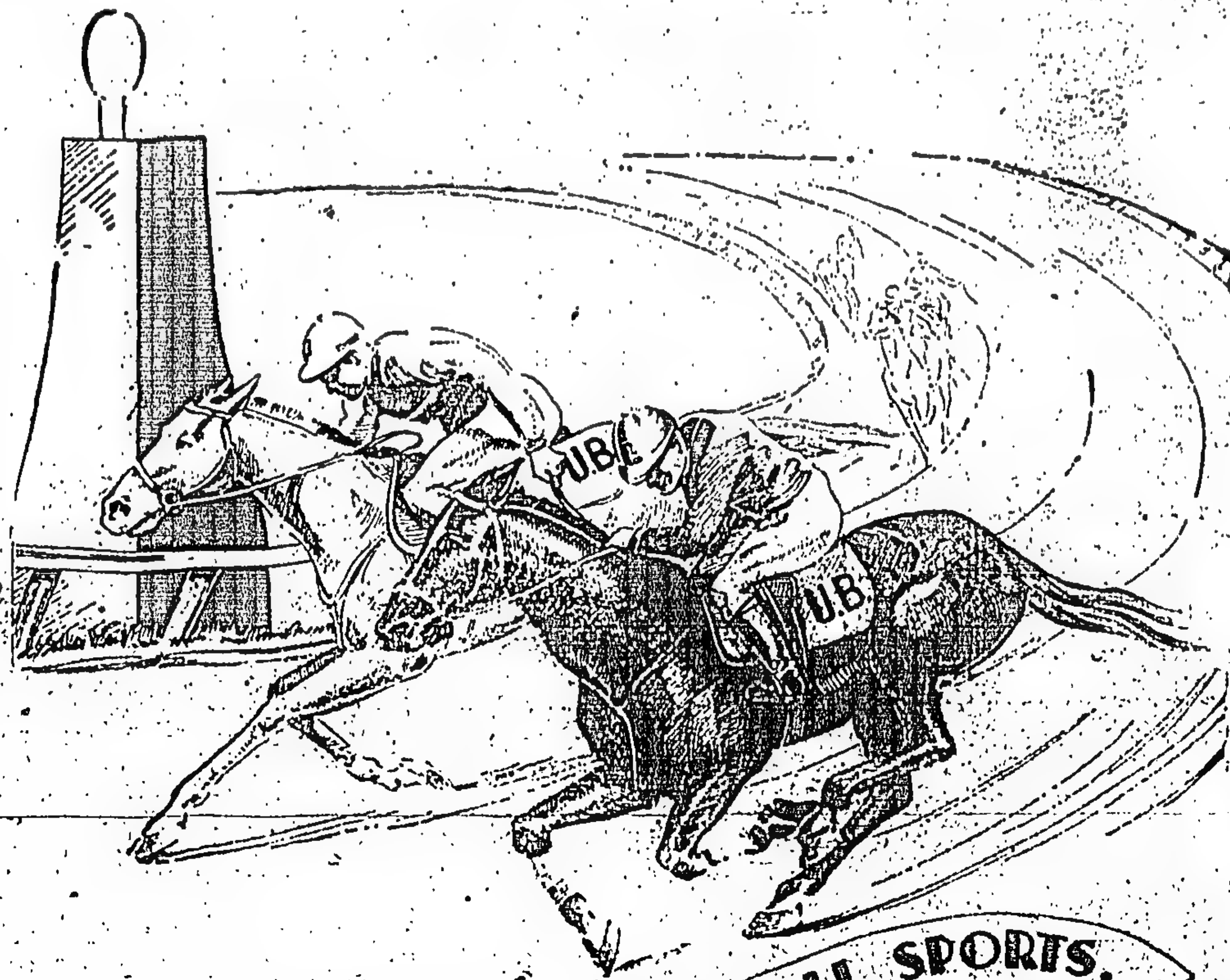
"Sir, the sun is permanently over the yardarm in the South China Sea."

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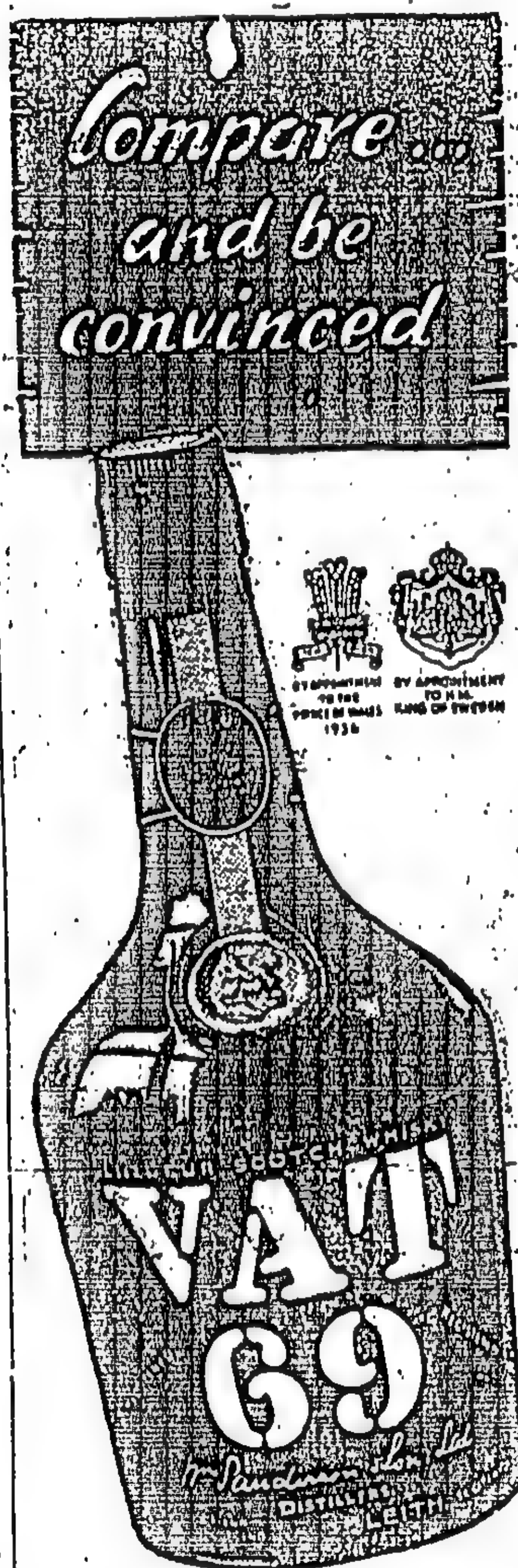
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## BRIDGE NOTES

### Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 18

#### By The Four Aces

Here's a different type of "crime" hand for our sleuths:

West, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 5 2  
♥ K J 9 3  
♦ J 10 7 4  
♣ 8 3

♠ 7 4  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ A Q 7 6 4

♠ A  
♥ 10 6 5 2  
♦ A 9 5 3  
♣ J 10 9 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 6 3  
♥ A Q  
♦ K Q  
♣ K 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the eight of hearts, South winning with the Ace. Declarer then led the Queen of trumps; and East took the spade Ace and shifted to the Jack of clubs.

South put up the King, and West took two club tricks. Then a diamond shift gave East the setting trick.

Probably you see what the trouble was—but was it a crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

The loss of the contract was a crime, and South was the criminal! It should have been clear to him that the contract depended on whether or not he lost two club tricks. Obviously, as the cards happened to lie, South could have returned the heart Queen, at the second trick, overtaking with dummy's heart King. Then the heart Jack would allow South to discard a club before the opponents could regain the lead.

The actual South player maintained that it was too dangerous to try out three rounds of hearts before drawing trumps; also that so risky a play was unnecessary if East had the club Ace—an even chance. But it was better than an even chance that three hearts would go through safely. Furthermore, if East ruffed, South could over-ruff and then take his chances on the clubs. Finally, even if West ruffed, he might have to ruff with the trump Ace.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 6 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 6 4  
♣ K 4 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You are not fond of the contract but are much too weak to attempt a rescue. Score 100% for pass, 20% for two no-trump.

### Question No. 567

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 5 2  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ A Q 10 3 2  
♣ K 7 6

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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## TRAWLER SAVES BRITISH AIRMEN

The Aberdeen trawler, Sophos (skipper George Leeper) rescued four British airmen off the West Coast of Scotland. Their Coastal Command plane had run out of petrol and made a forced landing.

The four airmen were hanging to the top of their machine with the sea breaking over them when the Sophos came along.



If the gay young blade wants to burn his date up he should rave about her "dreamy" eyes at the end of a long evening of dancing.

## NAZI BOMBERS POOR MARKSMEN

THIS MESSAGE APPEARED RECENTLY IN THE NEW YORK DAILY PAPERS.

By DREW MIDDLETON, Associated Press War Correspondent

With the British Army Southern Command.

Three days' travel through military and naval areas which Germans have been bombing nightly revealed that their bombs had done no damage to military objectives which would hinder Britain's war effort, have not shaken the faith in their ability to stick it out among soldiers and civilians, and have aroused considerable contempt for German marksmanship.

Here is the extent of the damage I have personally seen—and officers allowed me to go where I wished.

A machine shop where recruits are taught to use tooling machines. Two machines damaged, shop partially demolished, but now well on way to reconstruction. No casualties.

The fronts of two civilian houses smashed in. No casualties.

One Vicar, aged 25, and his house-keeper, aged 63, shaken up by two bombs which fell near his home miles from any military objective. The vicar's life was saved by a four-poster bed which held off falling ceiling.

Wing of old folks' home hit by a bomb. Twelve sick and ailing old people killed. The home was a considerable distance from any military objective.

## LESSONS OF THE RAIDS

The most vigorous German air raids of the war are the only subject on the Home Front. The subject, one gathers, is likely to be topical for some time, and in harassed, but far from unhappy, London, and throughout the provinces, people are collecting air-raid advice.

Here are some of the things that have been noted:

**Glass in Shops.**—Broken glass is the great danger to food supplies in retail shops. Lord Woolton, saying that he was surprised at the way in which splinters of glass had pierced cans of food, described it as important that wholesalers, caterers, and grocers should not put their stocks where they were likely to be damaged.

**Water.**—The Metropolitan Water Board has urged on all consumers within its area the need for the strictest economy in all forms of water consumption. Less must be used for baths, washing up, and the garden. It is good, though, to keep a supply in a bath or bucket which can be drawn upon when the main supply is out of action.

**Railways.**—Unnecessary traffic to and from London is to be discouraged. Travel on business—not on pleasure.

**Telephones.**—Unless it is absolutely necessary, no one should use the telephone during a raid.

**Flying Glass.**—One in every five cases of air-raid injury in Britain has been caused by glass. Curtains and blinds do little to prevent glass flying, but there are several good ways of protecting windows. By day a fine-meshed wire netting will stop all but a few small pieces of glass, and by night the experts recommend a strong black-out screen covered with building boards or plywood.

**Gas.**—It is well to turn off the main before you go to bed. This prevents explosion between the main and the taps. Alternative heating should be arranged.

**Electricity.**—If an incendiary bomb falls on the house, turn the electricity current off. It is not necessary to do so otherwise. Naturally it is well to keep a few candles or night lights for emergency.

**Torches.**—The Ministry of Home Security states that during black-out hours, torches may be used only if dimmed by two thicknesses of tissue paper or thicknesses of tissue paper or the equivalent. They must be directed downwards, and extinguished immediately the air-raid warning sounds.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Butch promised not to cut his hair until they win a game!"

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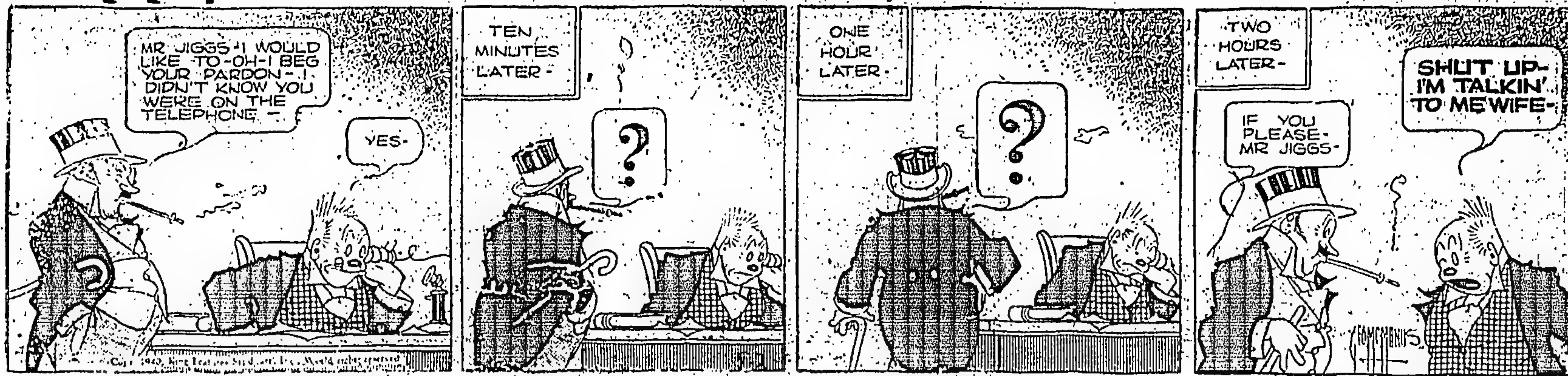
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# One Day In Ten Liquid Day

Women and girls should realise that more harm comes from eating when they are fatigued than from not eating at all. One physician gives this common sense advice to us:

"Never eat if you are in a hurry, if you are nervous, or if you are angry. Do not eat if you are terribly worried or tired. Try to observe common sense rules in your eating habits. You should accept eating as you accept doing your own particular work. It should be done artistically, thoroughly and willingly."

The old-fashioned notion that you must stuff yourself daily with meat and potatoes and pie has done great harm. Now we learn that we can get along nicely without any meat at all, that we should eat much of our vegetables and fruit raw, and that it is actually good for us to take only liquid food for an entire day once in a while.

### Drink Your Meals

If you are very fatigued, or feel sort of "dragged out" eat lightly. Drink your meals. Vegetable juices, fruit juices, milk, clear vegetable broths. Whenever you feel hungry, drink one of these. In fact, one famous nutritionist suggests that we take an eight-ounce glass of liquid nourishment each hour if we are very hungry. If we are not hungry, then a glass every two hours is sufficient to get along on. It is surprising how well one can rest after a "liquid diet" for a day. We are advised that we would benefit by such a day in every ten.

### The Logic Of It

Even though you have no desire or need to reduce, a liquid day gives your body a rest. Of course the amount of liquid food you take depends entirely upon what you must do during the day.



Billie Burke, most youthful and talented grandmother, keeps youthfully avelte and alert by eating scientifically. She urges women to do likewise.

If your duties are light, you can drink nothing but citrus fruit juice such as lemon juice, orange

juice, lime juice, unsweetened pineapple juice and fresh grapefruit juice. If the pangs of hunger get too great, you are allowed a handful of raisins. There are sufficient vitamins in such a programme to keep you alert.

### Programme For Beauty

Here is an odd programme which you might follow for beauty:

One day every ten live on nothing but fruit juices.

Have meat only one day a week.

Do not smoke or drink intoxicating liquors, or coffee.

Drink raw milk, or herb-teas.

Eat fruit and vegetable salads at lunchtime, and have at least one pint of citrus fruit juice for breakfast.

Drink twelve glasses of water a day.

Callisthenics every morning and night.

Take plenty of fresh air baths, cold showers (if you can).

Eat a normal dinner of vegetables, whole grain muffins, and fruit for dessert. Take any vegetable or fruit soup.

Drink a glass of orange juice before going to bed.

the valley.

Now snatch up your fresh white gloves and your handbag and run!

You look as if you had stepped out of a handbox just for his date.

If flowers are sold on your corner, buy one and wear it. It's a good idea to let most men know that you "simply adore flowers," for that gives them an excuse for sending you some to say for them a few things they are too shy to say when they are with you!

## Glamour In Fifteen Minutes

With one eye on the clock as the hands move to 5 p.m., and with the last vehement click of the typewriter, you're through for the day! In half an hour you have a date, which may mean the difference between a continuous 9-to-5 grind or a lifetime of loving care! Your immediate problem is how to banish that completely washed-out feeling and face your beau looking like a carefree glamour girl! The fact that you earn your living does not excuse you for looking like an office slave instead of the bright-eyed beautiful girl he yearns to see! So be quick, scamper to the powder room with your cosmetic aids, and get busy.

### Your Weapons

Keep in your desk drawer, among other aids, a box of compact washcloths, discs of hygienic cotton, a bar of good soap and a bottle of friction lotion.

Pin back your hair, slip off your dress. Wash your face, neck and underarms with soap and water and then briskly rub all exposed skin with the friction lotion. This serves as a mild deodorant and if you choose one with a fresh citrus fragrance you will feel almost as refreshed as if you had just tingled under the shower.

Slip on your dress again and make a pretty face. Use a nice fresh powder puff and loose powder (always keep supplied with fresh puffs). Take time to get the powder out of your lashes and brows and with a steady hand, even though your heart is beating with excitement, draw appealing, smooth lips.

I advocate keeping a narrow hairbrush in that desk drawer too, for these is nothing more simulating than a good brushing after a day of concentrating. And it glorifies the hair too. At any rate, see that your hair is combed becomingly for the hat you are wearing, and give one quick look at your nails. Most likely, if you manicured them last night, they need no more primping than a good brushing with soap and water. But if the polish needs repairing, you've simply got to take a minute or two for repairs. (Note: Sometimes it pays to make men wait a bit, so don't be nervous!)

### The Final Fillip

Now your perfume. Don't go too Heddy Lamarrish. Select fragrance which might remind that man of yours that there still are lilacs in the country or lilies of

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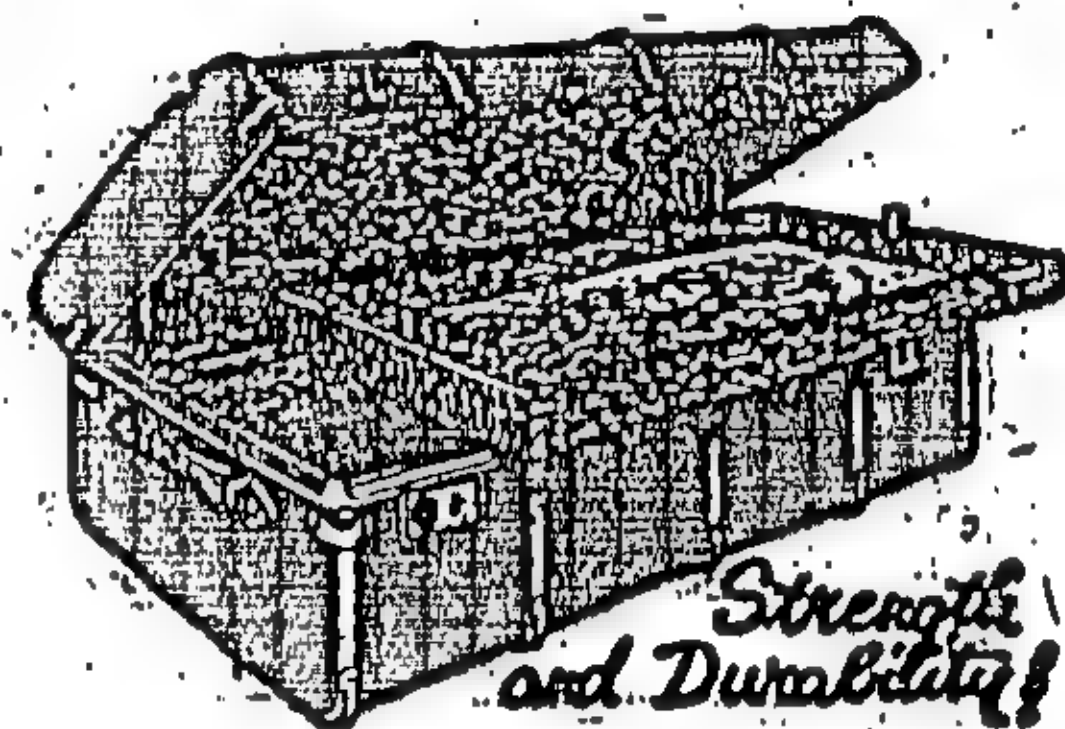
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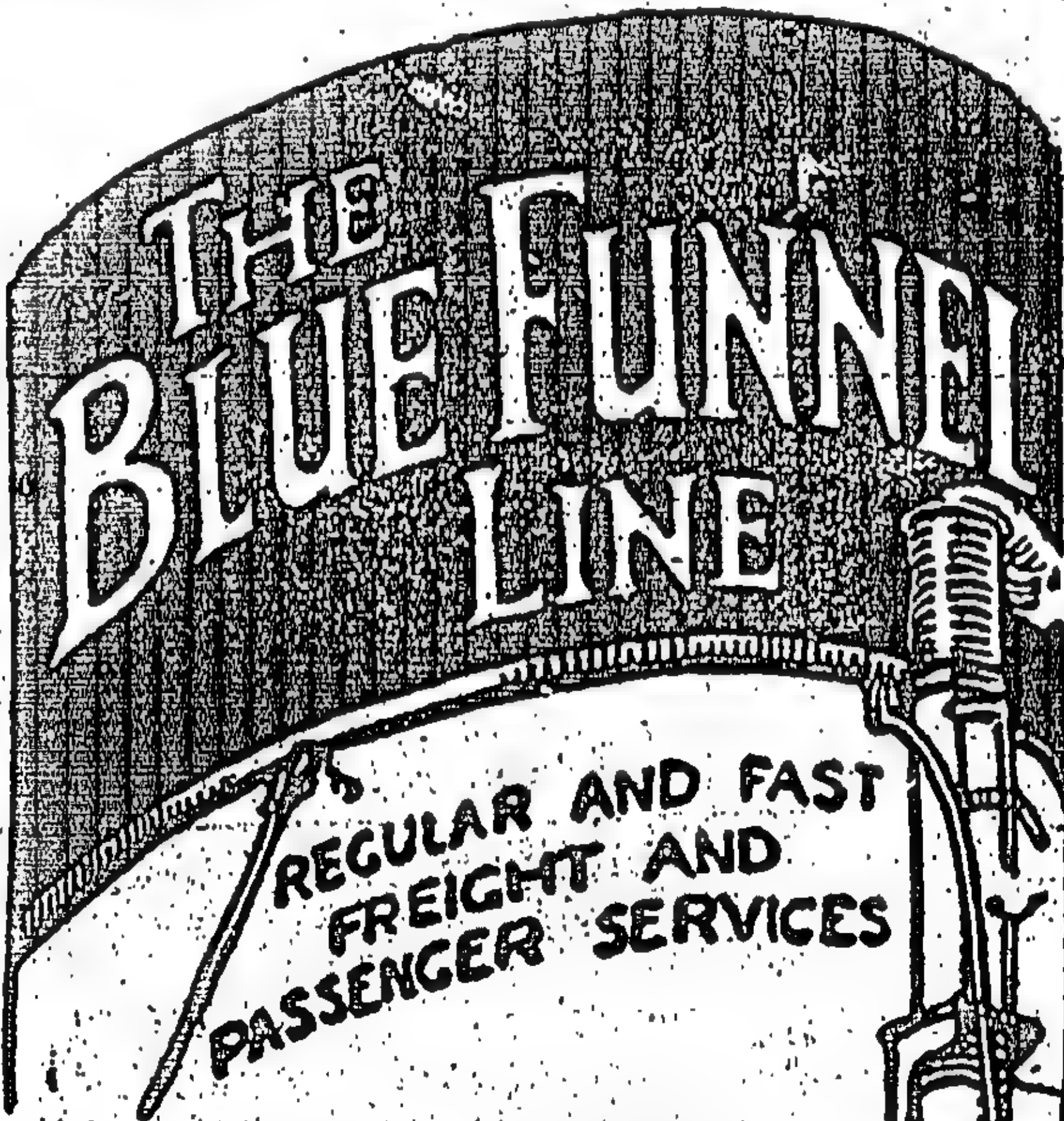
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### Wind-Up Of Most Successful Tournament

CONTRARY TO GENERAL EXPECTATIONS FIFTH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY BEAT ARMY SERVICE CORPS "A" IN THE FINAL OF THE VOLUNTEER INTER-UNIT LAWN BOWLS COMPETITION AT KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB YESTERDAY, AND THUS BECAME THE FIRST HOLDERS OF "THE CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP.

Composed entirely of members of the Taikoo Club Second Division League team, the Anti-Aircraft gunners have done extremely well, having beaten some of the strongest combinations in the Colony—notably No. 6 Company "A"—and they are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

In ideal weather and under perfect conditions, the match was watched by a large crowd, which included Col. H. E. Ross, Commandant of the Corps, who presented the cup and souvenirs to the winning team after the game, and officials of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association and Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

#### A.S.C. Draw First Blood

The favourites—A.S.C. "A"—drew first blood. Bowling confidently they scored at the first three heads, when they chalked up 1 1 3 to lead 5-0. The Anti-Aircraft gunners then recovered somewhat, but until the 12th head A.S.C. were always the better team. A three at the 13th head started the Gunners' recovery, and a further three two heads later placed them on level terms. Thereafter they improved consistently and a five at the 19th head, which gave them a four-shot lead, placed them in a winning position and they did not relinquish it.

Cullen and Melrose, the leaders, were not at their best but Main and Hyde were both in magnificent form and sent up some splendid woods. Keown completely outbowed Meyer, who was off form.

Chalmers started badly, but a splendid drive in the latter stages, which brought a count of three, restored his confidence and he played an inspired game for the rest of the match.

The tournament just concluded has been an outstanding success, and there is little doubt that the Volunteer Lawn Bowls Competition will be one of the most enjoyable features of future seasons.



38 Rinks Took Part

Before asking the Commandant to present the trophy and souvenirs to the winners, Capt. A. W. Brown, Chairman of the Volunteers Bowls Committee, said that 38 rinks entered the tournament, which represented over 152 players, including substitutes, and expressed the hope that 83 rinks would enter for the 1941 competition.

He paid a warm tribute to the hard work put in by Sgt. Meyer, and was pleased to report that the tournament had proved an unqualified success, mainly due to the cooperation of the various clubs in allowing their greens to be used for these games.

The contribution from the Tournament to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund had been \$190 (38 teams at \$5 each) and \$50, which was collected during yesterday's final.

Col. Rose said that the Tournament had fulfilled its purpose, that of getting different units together and so promoting esprit de corps. He also voiced his appreciation of the cooperation shown by the various clubs and of the hard work done by Capt. Brown's Committee.

The Cup was later filled in traditional manner and taken round the Clubhouse.

### GOSANO FAMILY SHINE

The Gosano family were very prominent for the Volunteers in their friendly cricket match at Happy Valley yesterday against Craigengower Cricket Club, and their efforts were mainly responsible for the Volunteers' win.

G. N. Gosano played a polished innings of 57, retired when the visitors appeared, likely to be skittled out for less than 100. Anderson lending good support with a hard-hit 49, which included 22 in one over of Mitchell's. Left-handed L. G. Gosano, backed by good catching, took 8 for 22. Prior to his last over his figures were 7 for 10 but Mitchell then hooked him for three fours before he succumbed.

Billimoria and Hulse bowled magnificently for Craigengower but atrocious catching let them down badly. Most successful batsman was A. J. Hulse, but Norman Broadbridge played a valuable defensive innings of 18.

**VOLUNTEERS**

D. O. Parsons, c Hulse, b Billimoria	3
L. G. Gosano, c Hong Sling, b Billimoria	23
F. R. Zimmermann, c Broadbridge, b Hulse	0
G. N. Gosano, retired	57
L. T. Ride, b Billimoria	5
N. A. E. Mackay, b Billimoria	0
D. J. N. Anderson, c Billimoria, b Ismail	49
N. D. Booker, not out	12
A. Zimmermann, not out	5
Extras (B4, LB1)	5

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 174  
D. G. Day and R. S. Gill did not bat.

**Bowling Analysis**

	O	M	R	W
Hulse	9	0	55	1
Billimoria	9	1	35	4
A. K. Ismail	6	0	40	1
Mitchell	1	0	22	0
Way	1	0	3	0
Ramchand	1	0	14	0

**CRAIENGOWER C.C.**

E. Zimmermann, c Booker, b Zimmermann	18
N. Broadbridge, c L. G. Gosano, b L. G. Gosano	18
A. Hung, c and b L. G. Gosano	15
A. J. Hulse, c and b Anderson	21
W. K. Way, c Parsons, b L. G. Gosano	2
S. Ramchand, c Parsons, b L. G. Gosano	2
G. Gosano	7
A. K. Ismail, b L. G. Gosano	0
W. Hong Sling, b L. G. Gosano	0
T. Lock, c and b L. G. Gosano	0
E. J. Mitchell, c Zimmermann, b	0

### Impressions From Saturday's Rugger Games

#### By "Scrum-Half"

Army, providing they are not depleted by transfers or injuries, appear almost certain to win the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament.

On Saturday they gave Club a terrible beating, and they were worth every one of their 20 points. Club scored three, and they were lucky to break their duck.

Ford's brilliant hooking has made a world of difference to Army, and they have what must be their strongest back division in years. Two positions are giving trouble, however. The full-back position and that of scrum-half.

Clague was given no test on Saturday, but the little he had to do gave reason to believe that he can be improved on—Club's lucky try was due to his bungling. Army have tried several players there—Moxham, Otway, Ford and Berry—and are not yet satisfied.

Macdonald seems to be the most promising, though he would be out of position. He is fast, safe in his handling and fair in his tackling. On Saturday he was the outstanding back on the field, and with Hook to come back into the side, the experiment might be worth while.

#### Not Above Average

Wedderburn was given an easy time by the Club wing-forwards on Saturday, but he never at any time, impressed as a scrum-half above the average. He is certainly no better than Foley, who is extremely dangerous five yards from the opposing line.

Not having had much opportunity of seeing Army units in action, I am unable to offer any real concrete suggestion, but I have been told that the Gunners' scrum-half, Dobbinson, is as promising as any.

L. G. Gosano	19
P. J. Billimoria, not out	1
Extras (B26)	26

Total 127

**Bowling Analysis**

	O	M	R	W
F. R. Zimmermann	8	1	52	1
Gill	3	0	10	0
Day	3	0	7	0
L. G. Gosano	5.7	0	22	3
Anderson	2	0	10	1

If this is so, he and Hook (also of the Gunners) should combine very nicely.

Marsh has improved his tackling and is fast becoming a first class winger, but Coombes is a problem. He is extremely dangerous to both sides—to his own side by his fits of selfishness and to his opponents as the result of his deceptive run and a very keen eye for an opening. Many potential Army back movements were held up at the source on Saturday when Coombes was grassed in possession.

Army have upset Club by their punt ahead tactics. On Saturday they caught the Club backs on the wrong foot time and again, while Richards distinguished himself with some really clever bits of dribbling, cross-kicking to advantage with supreme confidence.

Berry was missed at forward, and with his inclusion the Army pack is unlikely to be bettered by Selectors or opponents.

#### Bowden's Return

Bowden made a welcome return to the Navy team, substituting for McGill. He has had a shoulder injury, but he showed no signs of it on Saturday, giving an excellent display.

Paul has gone off this season and is inclined to be selfish. What's gone wrong with his kicking? Watson has always been recognised as the best place-kicker Club have had for some time, but Paul too was acknowledged at one time to be his equal. On Saturday Watson turned down a penalty kick from the touch line, and so did Paul!

Carter and Rutherford are working up a fine understanding, and Carter is playing better than ever, though he will need to watch that he does not overdo the punt ahead.

Honeywill is quite a "find" at full-back and looks to be the best substitute Navy can find for Stevens.

#### Many Police Problems

Police have gone all to pieces. The loss of Wilson, Luscombe, Fay and Searle has been a bitter blow, and they apparently have no young blood coming on.

The scrum-half problem is the greatest one of their many problems. Leslie and Morrison will not do.

## SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

NAVY beat Police decisively in the first match of the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, winning by 20 pts. to nil after an interval lead of 11-0. Unless Police can produce a higher standard they will certainly receive the wooden spoon.

#### Rugby

Club and Army, who meet on November 30 in the Tournament, provided a one-sided match, Army again winning, this time by 20 pts. to 3. Unless something unforeseen happens, Army look certain winners of the Quadrangular Tournament.

MIDDLESEX were definitely the better team in their match against Sing Tao, but still had to admit defeat to the tune of 3 goals to 1. The "Diehards" had very bad luck in front of goal several of their parting shots hitting the bar, going just wide or above Cheung Wing-chol's brilliant display in goal saved Sing Tao.

#### Soccer

Kowloon, who were without the services of Williamson for some time, were good enough to beat Police.

In Second Division, Middlesex were fully extended by 30th R.A., and International, without the services of several players on Volunteer duties, took things too easily against 20th Battery R.A.

and lost by 5 goals to 1. This defeat makes the championship struggle easier for Air Force.

#### Cricket

In most of Saturday's matches, batsmen were rather better than the bowlers and some fairly high scores were registered, best being Francis Lay's 80 for K.C.C. juniors against Civil Service.

Best bowling feat was Emmerson's 6 for 17 for Mr. Fergus' eleven against Craigengower Cricket Club.

Following were the leading performances:

**BATTING**

F. J. Lay	80
L. G. Gosano	68
H. Owen Hughes	61
J. E. Richardson	60
T. G. C. Knight	49
L. Cpl. Storer	43
A. Zimmermann	38
A. M. Rodriguez	36
W. A. Reed	34
R. H. Griffiths	34
Blount	32
A. Hung	32
C. Huang	32
A. J. Hulse	30

**BOWLING**

Emmerson	6 for 17
A. J. Hulse	8 for 23
R. Baldwin	6 for 28
Blount	5 for 17
J. Macaulay	4 for 14
N. Whitley	4 for 34

ANNOUNCEMENT just before the race that Burford would not be starting owing to the recurrence of its lameness proved exceedingly disappointing to racing fans on Saturday. A keen race had been envisaged between Burford and O-Lan.

#### Racing

There was, however, a good tussle between the latter and Dupont Bay, Dupont Bay leading for three-quarters of the course, only for O-Lan to exert itself on coming into the straight and win by a short head.

Mr. Donald Black was in great form and rode four winners in six starts.

TWO ladies' hockey matches were played on Saturday to again emphasise that this branch of local sport is far from dead. Keeson Schoolgirls did exceedingly well to beat the Argonauts, holders of the Brawn Cup, while St. Andrew's were much too good for Recreio, their latest recruit, Miss Birchall netting twice.

#### Hockey

A FRIENDLY lawn bowls match was played at K.C.C. between a strong home team and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association.

### KOWLOON GOLF CLUB RESULTS

The Kowloon Golf Club's 36-hole Medal Play Championship held yesterday resulted in a tie for first place between S. Tomlinson and R. K. Collings, both returning a score of 187. W. Kershaw was third with 172, followed by A. J. Dennis with 173 and T. B. Law with 175.

Results of the first round of the Junior Championship were: G. B. Frost beat L. Sykes; W. C. Hung beat J. Coles; H. J. Grose beat J. R. Humble; R. Miller beat S. J. Remedios; T. Henderson beat E. C. Fincher; and A. G. Butterfield beat W. Groves.

#### Bowls

Thanks to a fine effort by Parsons' rink, K.C.C. had a comfortable win. Howard, playing in the unaccustomed role of skip, being the only visitor to win.

As at the K.C.C. recently, the "Over Forties" of K.B.G.C. proved too good for the "Youngsters." Who was it said that bowls is no longer an "old man's game?"



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## SOCCER

## EASTERN LED BY KWONG WAH WIN MATCH BY 2-1

## HAU CHING-TO PLAYS WELL

By "Sportshawk"

HELPED BY a penalty goal soon after the interval, which enabled them to equalise, Eastern thereafter had matters in their hands and eventually beat Kwong Wah by the odd goal in five in their First Division football encounter, which was played at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. Kwong Wah were leading 2-1 at the end of the first half.

With a fast forward line, strongly supported by their halves, throughout the first period in which they were definitely on top form, Kwong Wah have reason to be fully satisfied with their play and were generally considered to have played their best game of the season.

Kwong Wah, however, appeared demoralised by the penalty goal in the second half.

Eastern played carelessly in the first half, but, on the resumption, fully demonstrated their superiority to secure both points.

Although he was severely tested and twice beaten in the opening half, Lau Hin-hon played a good game between the sticks for Eastern but Kong Shing-king, right-back, only came into the picture on the resumption. Kong was, however, the mainstay of the defence, and staged numerous powerful clearances, especially in the latter period.

Hsu King-sing, the pivot, was a great spoiler but he was inclined to clear with high kicks instead of keeping the ball along the ground. S. C. Liu held his own well in the right-half berth.

## Hau In Form

Outstanding player on the field was undoubtedly Hau

right-half, and whose powerful and accurate cross-field passes made many scoring opportunities.

Chung Yung-sum, another winger for Eastern, appeared uncomfortable in that position and was only responsible for few centres.

V. K. Hyui and C. T. Tsao, both formerly of Shanghai, were another two dangerous forwards in the Eastern team.

For Kwong Wah, Lee Kwok-kee, though somewhat at fault with the first goal, brought off several good saves in the latter period when Eastern were continually on the offensive. Chung Fai-lam was the better of two losing backs and cleared well, but their intermediate line was poor in tackling and worse in their feeding. Kam Kai-pui, formerly o.

Ching-to, left-winger for Eastern, whose speed was too much for Cheong Shui-fai, the losers' forward position for Kwong Wah,

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

## FIRST DIVISION

Navy 1 St. Joseph's 1

O'Regan. All.

Eastern 3 Kwong Wah 2

V. K. Hyui (pen) Wong King-chung and

and Hau ching-to (2). Chin Chi-fai.

## SECOND DIVISION

Navy 1 Royal Scots 3

Barber. Auld (2) and

Service Corps 10. Kitchee 1

Air Force 5 Shell 0

Martin (4) and Edmonds (pen).

Signals 5 Medicals 1

Husband (2). Pym (pen).

Bundy and Brackenberry (2).

South China Juniors, who held his

left-half position well, was the

best among the halves.

Chin Chi-fai, in the centre-

forward position for Kwong Wah,

played a useful game. He displayed good combination with Cheuk Shek-kam.

## The Play

Kwong Wah took the lead about two minutes after the whistle through Wong King-chung, who converted a nice shot from Cheuk Shek-kam, while Hau Ching-to equalised shortly after, from a pass from V. K. Hyui. Chin Chi-fai again placed Kwong Wah in the lead as the result of a solo effort after having robbed Eastern's pivot of the ball.

Shortly after the resumption, Chung Fai-lam was penalised for pushing C. T. Tsao, and subsequently Hyui made no mistake in converting this penalty, which helped Eastern to wipe off Kwong Wah's 2-1 lead.

Thereafter Eastern increased the pressure and within two minutes, Hau Ching-to scored with a grounder at point blank range from a pass from Hyui, to decide the issue in favour of Eastern.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Shing-king and Woo Chi-sang; S. C. Liu, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuon; Chung Yung-sum, Yu Hop-hing, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai and Chung Fai-lam; Cheong Shui-fai, Wu Kam-sing and Kam Kai-pui; Leung Ping-kam, Lau Fook-chud, Chin Chi-fai, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

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## RAMSEY IN K.C.C. FINAL

Following are the latest Club lawn bowls tournament results:

## KOWLOON BOWLING G.C.

## Club Championship

Second Round:—W. G. Hodder beat H. Patrick; Third Round:—J. McKelvie beat L. Sykes.

## Vice-President's Cup

Second Round:—E. A. Atkins beat A. Morton; J. Fraser beat D. W. Water-

## President's Cup

Second Round:—A. J. Hall beat Payne; H. White beat T. Coleman; Third Round:—A. M. Holland beat W. Houston.

## Handicap Pairs

Third Round:—H. Lockhart and H. Patrick (plus 4) beat K. C. Hamilton and E. Spradbery (plus 8).

## Non-Prize Winners

Third Round:—H. C. Spong beat W. Houston; Semi-Final:—L. Sykes beat H. C. Spong.

## KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

## Club Championship

Semi-Final:—A. W. Ramsey beat E. C. Fincher.

## KOWLOON TONG G.C.A.

## Handicap Singles

Final:—V. N. Atienza (scr.) beat W. J. Howard (scr.).

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

## Handicap Singles

Third Round:—C. G. Solis (plus 5) beat K. S. Robertson (—5); A. Brooks-bank (—5) beat L. E. Lammert (—5); J. H. Gelling (—4) beat A. W. Hodges (—2).

## CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB

## Club Singles

Fourth Round:—W. J. Rurling, beat J. R. Carr.

## SOFTBALL RESULTS

Yesterday's softball League matches resulted as follows:

Girls' League:—Panthers 10, Cardinals 7; Wahoos 20, Little Flower Club 6; Club de Recreio 7, Wildcats 25.

Men's League, First Division:—St. Joseph's 11, Cyclones 2; Hong Kong Baseball Club 20, Canadian Chinese Club 10; Recreio, "A" 4, Indians 6.



# BATTERING OF HAMBURG

## Mass R.A.F. Raids For Third Successive Night

### Docks And Factories Attacked

**THE R.A.F.'S BATTERING OF HAMBURG ON SATURDAY NIGHT LASTED SEVERAL HOURS AND A CONCENTRATED ATTACK WAS MADE ON ALL ITS GREAT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.**

At intervals throughout the night a powerful force of bombers flew over the city and suburbs.

Success varied with changing weather but many pilots found periods when, in the words of one, conditions for bombing were perfect.

Squadrons attacking the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards saw bursts in many parts of the area and explosions followed accompanied by great billowing red flames.

A direct hit was scored on a neighbouring aircraft factory.

#### Thousand Incendiaries

In addition to many high explosive bombs another force of heavy bombers dropped over a thousand incendiaries on the great riverside railway goods yards in the Billwarder district.

Gaps in the clouds closed as the attacks ended, says the Air Ministry, and made it impossible to observe the full results but enough was seen to make it certain that considerable damage was done.—Reuter.

#### Largest Ever

The raid on Hamburg was carried out by the greatest force which has ever raided that city and further details of the raid are given by an Air Ministry news report which states that at intervals from just after night-fall until six in the morning a concentrated attack was made on a great number of the city's in-

dustries and communications wherein riverside districts suffered greatly.

It is here that traffic is particularly dense for Hamburg is a natural link between ocean, river and rail traffic. Factories and warehouses cover the ground.

Soon after dark the Rhennania Ossag mineral oil works in the Wilhelmsburg district was attacked by a large force of medium bombers and bursts were seen on the target in spite of cloud banks.

About the same time other squadrons were attacking railway goods yards in the same Wilhelmsburg district; and also the Schlink factory for the manufacture of edible oil fats.

#### Strong Forces

Later various targets in the Billwarder and Moorflath riverside districts were attacked for nearly two hours. Here over one thousand incendiaries were dropped and many fires seen.

A strong force concentrated on the great railway yard beside the river in the Billwarder district, identifying the target through gaps in the cloud. Here again nearly a thousand incendiaries were dropped as well as tons of

### SEVEN SWISS SENT TO GAOL FOR LIFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Found guilty of attempting sabotage against the country's defences, seven Swiss subjects, including two recently returned from abroad, were sentenced in Berne yesterday to hard labour for life by court martial, according to a communique released by the Swiss General Staff.—Havas.

high explosive bombs.

Just before midnight other bombers attacked from various heights works in the Altona district where several bursts were seen on the target.

Another mineral oil factory was one of the last targets to be raided only an hour or two before dawn.

Good results were observed after bombs had been dropped on important targets in the Veddel and Peute industrial areas to the south of the riverside.

#### Ships Bombed

Successful attacks were also made against shipping during the night and one aircraft bombed three supply ships, of about four to six thousand tons each, which were seen at the mouth of the Elbe. The observer saw two bombs burst close to the starboard and port sides of the leading ship.

Half an hour after this attack another bomber sighted a merchant ship of about 3,000 tons and one of the bombs dropped was reported by the rear gunner as a direct hit.—British Wireless.

### STOP PRESS

### BELFAST WAR GIFT

Amongst recent money gifts for the purchase of aircraft is one of £84,000 sent through the Belfast "Telegraph" from the people of Northern Ireland.

Two gifts of ten shillings each have also been received, one coming from children of an orphan home and the other from convicts in Parkhurst Prison.—British Wireless.

### LAVAL'S LONG TALK WITH SUNER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, had a lengthy conversation with Senor Serrano Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, when the latter passed through Vichy on his way to Berlin, says a communique issued by the Spanish Embassy yesterday.—Havas.

### JUNK ADRIFT

Described as being dangerous to navigation, a medium-sized, junk was reported floating some 50 miles east of Hong Kong at 3.50 p.m. yesterday.

The report was made to the Harbour Office by the master of the s.s. Liangchow.

The position given was Lat. 22 degrees, 24 mins. 45 secs. North; Long. 115 degrees, 02 mins. 30 secs.

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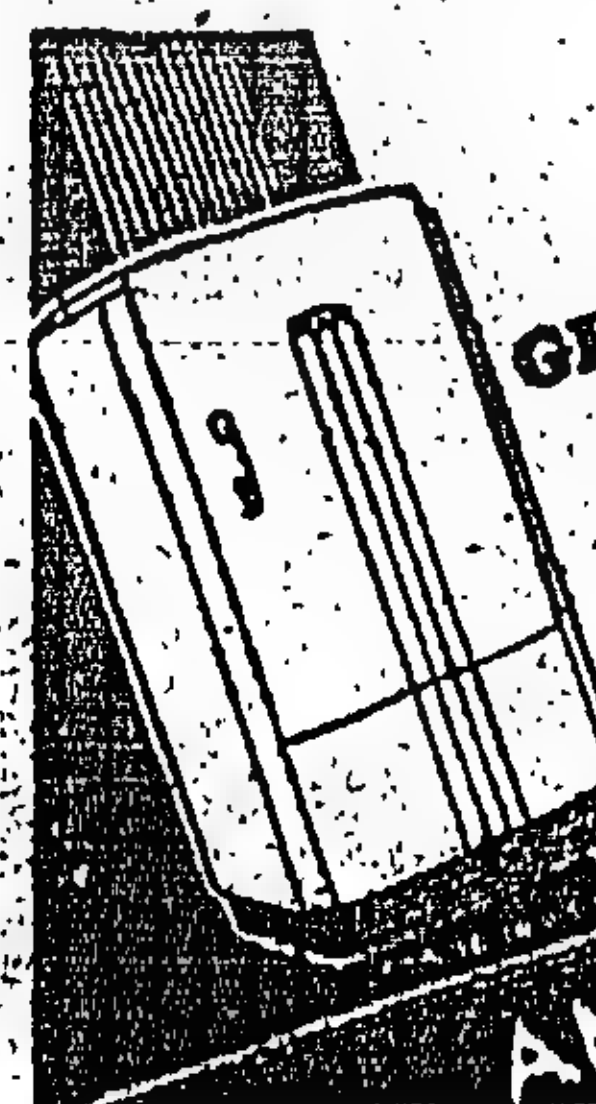


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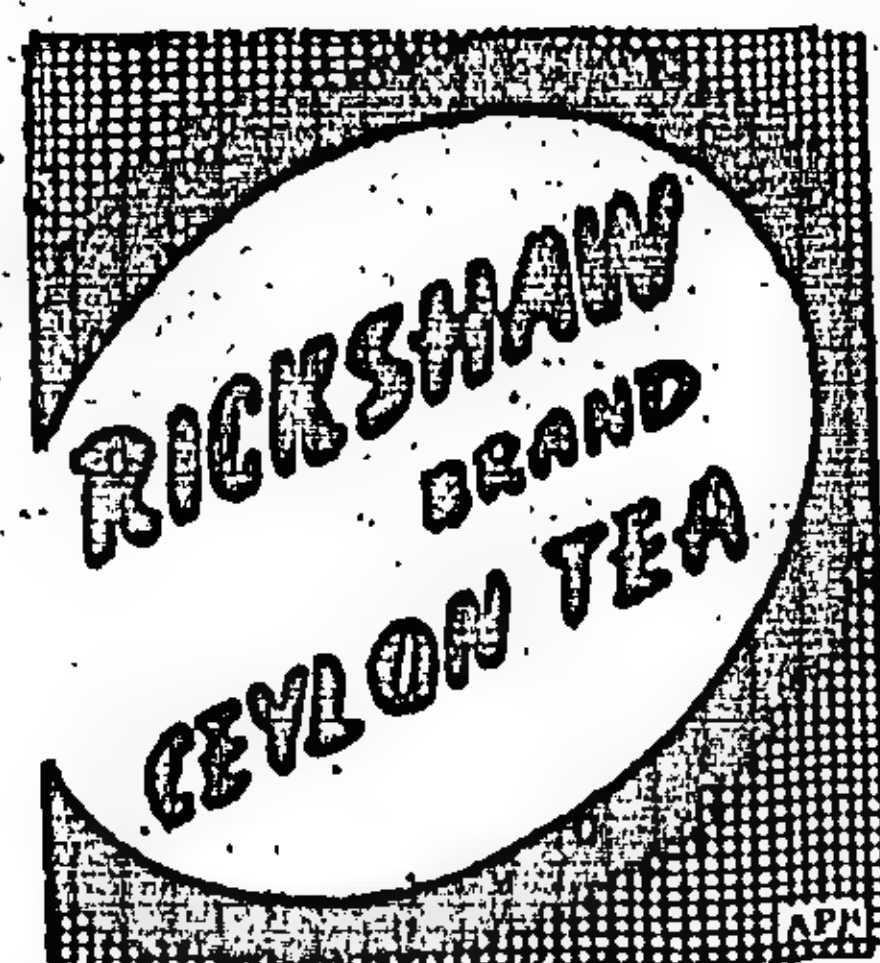
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# ITALIANS' TAIL WELL DOWN

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# ITALIANS FLEE IN CONFUSION

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## VICHY TRIAL FARCE GOES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Leon Blum, M. Edouard Daladier and General Gamelin have been transferred to the Bourrasol prison, near Vichy, where the former Air Minister, M. Guy LaChambre, is already interned, it was revealed in Vichy yesterday.

Main charges against the former leaders are the inadequate carrying out of their duties and betraying the interests of the country.

The public prosecutor is also trying to establish whether France's entry into the war was a violation of the constitutional laws.

These four leaders are liable to be brought before the Supreme Court.

M. Georges Mandel is accused of the irregular management of public funds while Minister of Colonies.—Havas.

## LORRAINE EXODUS CONTINUES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Lyons railway station is still buzzing with activity as five trains arrive daily filled with French-speaking Lorrainers expelled from their homes by the German authorities.

The trains remain in the station several hours before proceeding to other unoccupied areas in France where it is hoped the evacuees will find new homes.

Monsignor Heintz, Bishop of Metz, expelled at short notice two months ago, is taking part in relief work.

It is reported from Toulouse that large groups of Lorrainers have arrived in south-west France. Nine hundred left the train at Montauban and another 1,250 stopped at Auch, a provincial town west of Toulouse.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fine.

## ELEVEN NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down in raids on Britain yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique.

Four British fighters were lost but the pilots of three are safe.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MILITARY DESPATCHES RECEIVED IN ATHENS LAST NIGHT REPORTED THE ANNIHILATION OF AN ENTIRE ITALIAN MECHANISED DIVISION BY GREEK TROOPS ATTACKING KORITZA. THE GREEKS CLAIM TO HAVE CAPTURED 120 TANKS.

It is indicated in Athens that the fall of Koritza, Italy's main supply base in Albania, is expected hourly.

Earlier reports of the fall of Koritza were apparently caused by a confusion in names when Karintza, further west, fell into Greek hands.

It is reported that remnants of the Italian division fled over the border to Yugoslavia where they were interned.

It is said that General Soddu,

the Italian commander, had rushed a crack division from northern Albania to counter-attack the Greeks besieging the city.

The Greeks repulsed the counter-attack and drove the Italians into Yugoslavia in confusion.

The Italians continue their general retreat north of the Kalamas River and Epirus, while a large Italian force is reported to be encircled in the Hersega district.

## Soddu's Heavy Task

Remainder of the fighting is all on Albanian territory.

The Greek successes threaten completely to stop the Italian campaign, especially the extremely important drive down the old Roman route via Koritza and Florina to Salonika.

It is believed it will take General Soddu considerable time to reorganise the army in Albania under the straining of British and Greek planes.—International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A hurricane which caused terrific damage in northern France on Thursday evening also wreaked havoc in Belgium and Holland, states a message from Brussels this morning.

Throughout Belgium the roofs of houses were blown away, trees and telegraph poles uprooted and lamp posts and kiosks sent crashing to the ground.

Traffic and telephone communications were disrupted in several parts of the country.

The blowing down of railway signal posts caused a serious railway accident which killed 21 and injured 80.

Brussels and Antwerp bore the brunt of the tempest, terrible damage being caused in both cities.

In Holland several were killed during the storm.—Havas.

## PETAIN MAY GET TO PARIS

A hint that the French Government might soon be allowed to return to Paris was given by M. Peyrouton, the Home Minister, in a speech to policemen in Paris yesterday. M. Peyrouton said that M. Laval's parleys with the German authorities might result in such a development.—Havas.

## R.A.F. SEA RESCUE OF ENEMY AIRMEN

EVEN IN MODERN WAR with all its horrors chivalry is not yet dead. Perhaps it is most evident amongst British "knights of the air" and the following story may be taken as a typical illustration.

An Italian flying boat was shot down in recent operations and as the aircraft struck the water two members of the crew of five were unable to extricate themselves and were drowned.

The other three, a naval sub-lieutenant, sergeant major and wireless operator, managed to scramble into the collapsible dinghy. Their chance of survival was exceedingly remote as the dinghy quickly developed a leak.

A Sunderland flying boat on patrol spotted the tiny boat and as it was so far from land decided to investigate.

Although there was a nasty swell at the time the Sunderland alighted on the sea but efforts to come alongside the dinghy were unsuccessful. Eventually a rope was thrown to the Italians and one by one they were hauled on board the flying boat.

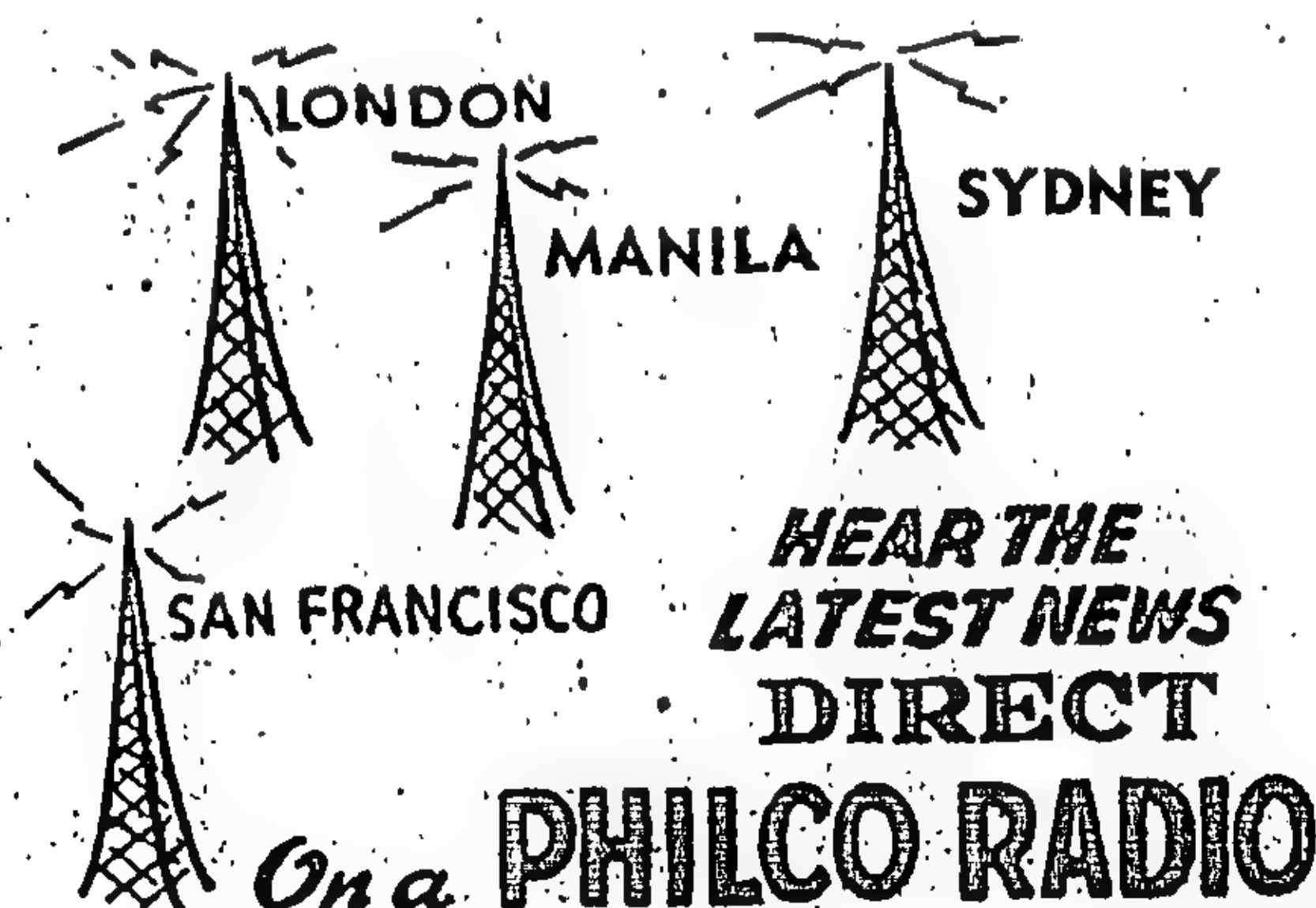
## Officers Thanks

This incident could not be allowed to interfere with the normal reconnaissance of the aircraft which was then carried out but the British crew saw that their prisoners were provided with hot food and dry clothes.

Later on, when the Sunderland finished the patrol, the prisoners were landed and expressed gratitude for the chivalrous manner in which they had been treated.

The officer said they had often been told that the British treated prisoners well.

"Now we have seen for ourselves that it is perfectly true," he said. "We thought that our end had come. It was all so sudden. The British machine gun fire was overwhelming."—British Wireless.



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# RANGITIKI'S STORY OF BRUSH WITH RAIDER

## Salvoes Dropping All Round Giant New Zealander Liner

### GABON NOW PART OF FREE FRANCE

The whole of Gabon (French Equatorial Africa) is now part of the French Free Empire, says a communique issued last night from London headquarters of the French Free Forces.

The communique states that the town of Port Gentil, second port of Gabon, surrendered without fighting two days after the surrender of Libreville, capital of the colony.—Reuter.

**FURTHER STORIES OF BRITISH HEROISM WHEN A GERMAN RAIDER ATTACKED THE JERVIS BAY CONVOY WERE TOLD WHEN THE 17,000-TON STEAMER RANGITIKI, BIGGEST SHIP OF THE CONVOY AND ONE OF THE RAIDER'S MAIN TARGETS, DOCKED AT A WEST COAST OF ENGLAND PORT YESTERDAY WITHOUT A SINGLE CASUALTY AND HARDLY A SCRATCH.**

The captain said the raider, which may have been the Deutschland, was first sighted some 20 miles away well down on the port bow at about 4 p.m. It was not identified until 4.45 p.m. when it was seen to be a heavy warship.

The convoy continued, at a speed of nine knots which was the fastest some of the ships could do, but turned. The enemy also turned on a course parallel to the convoy and opened fire on the Jervis Bay, which steamed towards the enemy and opened fire, but apparently her salvoes fell short.

The enemy's second salvo hit the Jervis Bay amidships and evidently put her engines out of action as she lost way immediately.

The third salvo struck her just before the bridge and the fourth hit, setting her afire.

The enemy then concentrated her fire on the Rangitiki.

#### Within 50 Yards

The first salvo fell on her starboard quarter, the second straddled her amidships, the third straddled her forward of the bridge and one shell fell within 50 yards of the ship, smothering the bridge with spray and shell fragments but doing no appreciable damage.

Meanwhile the convoy of ships made a smoke-screen which, coupled with the gallant action of Jervis Bay, enabled so many ships to escape, despite the enemy's use of star shells in an attempt to locate the ships and the fact that two or three of the ships were apparently on fire.

#### Passengers' Cool

The captain paid a tribute to the coolness of the passengers, men and women, who during the firing sang Scottish songs in an alleyway and later enjoyed a meal wearing lifebelts.

The chief radio officer said he was playing deck tennis when the raider attacked.

He dashed to the wireless cabin and sent out the message which startled the world, saying they were being shelled by a raider.—Reuter.

### JAPANESE THEATRE SHOW IN HANOI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese "umojina" theatrical troupe are to give a performance in the Hanoi municipal theatre to-day. General Sumita, head of the Japanese economic mission in Indo-China, has invited many prominent French in Hanoi. The programme, it is stated, consists of two comedies and one play illustrating the "traditional Japanese spirit." — Havas.

### PADDLE BOAT SHOOT'S DOWN ATTACKER

An Admiralty communique states that the paddle minesweeper Southsea shot down one enemy aircraft which attacked her yesterday morning. There were no survivors from the aircraft.

H.M.S. Southsea sustained no damage or casualties. — British Wireless.



H.M. Submarine Sturgeon (Commanded by Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, D.S.O.) recently torpedoed and sank a 10,000 ton German transport off the coast of Denmark. Photo shows:—Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, D.S.O. (extreme right) on board the submarine, on her arrival at her home base. (Copyright, Fox).

## TAMPICO WARSHIP MYSTERY HEIGHTENED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THREE UNITED States destroyers appeared off Tampico (Mexico) yesterday apparently to inspect the scene of Saturday's incident when four German merchant vessels which had taken refuge in Tampico at the beginning of the war made an unsuccessful attempt to run for Spanish waters.

The Mexican authorities declined to comment on the presence of the American warships, and the Mexicans are pressing for an investigation.

### DIVE BOMB ATTACKS AT CAMBRAI

Coastal Command bombers on Saturday made an effective and destructive tour of enemy aerodromes in the Rouen-Abbeville - Arras - Cambrai area.

The crews of the attacking Hudsons and Beauforts, despite bad weather, were able to get excellent results.

Four audacious dive attacks, in the course of which a pilot went down within 300 feet of the ground, were made by one Beaufort on an aerodrome in the Cambrai sector at dusk.

In the first swoop he planted incendiaries which ignited buildings and in following attacks "opened up" the targets with high explosives.

Flames spread fast and when the aircraft left were leaping nearly 100 feet up. One Hudson, which distributed high explosives along the boundary of another Cambrai landing ground produced six explosions and a fierce fire.

#### Extensive Fires

Aircraft which went to Abbeville all reported similar successes. As a result of one explosion there the tall gunner of a Hudson

The German captains insist that the mystery vessels they sighted soon after leaving Tampico were either British or Canadian.

It was revealed yesterday that the Mexican gunboat Queretaro intervened and signalled to a warship which was pursuing the Germans to keep out of Mexican territorial waters.

The Queretaro finally took the Nazi freighter Rhein under its protection and escorted her to the mouth of the Panuco River.

President Cardenas is personally investigating whether the neutrality belt was violated, and conferred with the Foreign Minister General Eduardo Hay.

#### Protest Possible

It was indicated in Mexico City that if it is established that the vessels were British or Canadian Mexico may ask the Pan-American Conference to lodge a formal protest.

President Cardenas has ordered the Tampico port authorities to forward to Mexico City all testimony by the captain and crews of the German ship as well as shore witnesses.

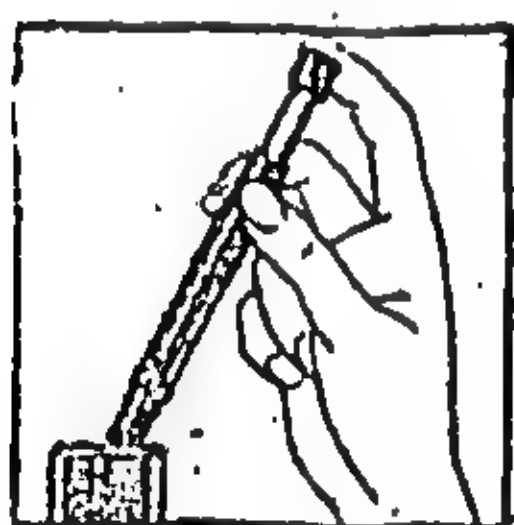
Admiral Curvillo, port captain at Tampico, yesterday inspected cargo on the Nazi freighter Orinoco and declared there was no foundation to reports that she was bound for a rendezvous to refuel the Admiral Scheer. — International News Service.

was thrown from his feet and the interior of the aircraft was flooded by successive flashes from wrecked targets.

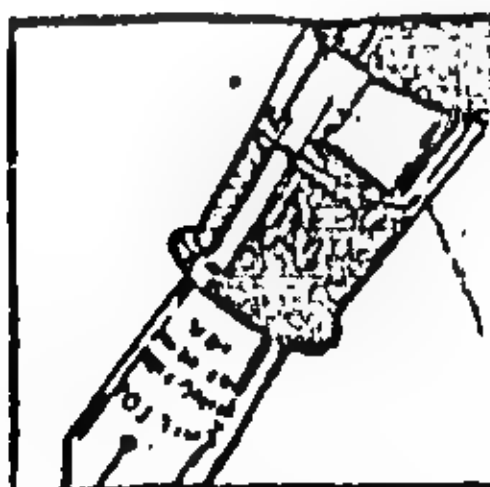
Another Hudson bombed objectives across 1800 yards of aerodrome and the crew had the satisfaction of seeing extensive fires sweeping inwards from each end of the bombed area.—British Wireless.

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## New "Army Cooperation" Command Created

### Lessons of the Blitzkrieg In Flanders

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMMAND OF THE R.A.F., TO BE CALLED THE ARMY COOPERATION COMMAND, WITH THE DUTY OF ORGANISING ALL FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE, WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY. AIR MARSHAL SIR A. S. BARRATT IS APPOINTED AIR OFFICER COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF OF THE NEW COMMAND.

Simultaneously wide changes are announced in the R.A.F. Higher Command. Air Vice-Marshal W. S. Douglas is appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, in place of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, from a date in the near future. Douglas is promoted Air Marshal (temporary).

Air Marshal Dowding, at the special request of the Minister of Aircraft Production, is being seconded to the latter's department for special duty in the United States.

Air Vice-Marshal A. T. Harris is appointed Deputy Chief of Air Staff in place of Air Marshal Douglas.

Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd is promoted Air Marshal (acting) and appointed deputy to the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief in the Middle East Command.

Air Marshal E. L. Gossage is appointed Air Officer Commanding the Balloon Command in place of Air Marshal Boyd.

Air Vice-Marshal P. Badington is promoted Air Marshal (acting) and becomes air member of personnel in place of Air Marshal Gossage.

#### Sir Arthur Barratt

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Sheridan Barratt first came into the news in the present war when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British air forces in France.

This was a new appointment to ensure the most effective support by the R.A.F. for the B.E.F. and French armies on the western front.

It is noteworthy that all but one of the new men are under 50.

Announcing the new Command the Air Ministry says the Air Ministry and War Office jointly considered how best to secure the most effective basis of cooperation between the Army and Air Force and a detailed scheme is being drawn up covering all aspects of Army air requirements and training.

#### All Squadrons

Principal feature of the new arrangements is the decision to set up a command of the R.A.F. to be called the Army Cooperation Command, which will comprise all squadrons allotted to army formations in the United Kingdom, together with the associated training units.

Primary function of this command will be to organize experiments and training in all forms of cooperation between the two Services.

The operational employment of the squadrons will rest as hitherto with the commanders of army formations to which they are allotted.

The Army Cooperation Command will be under an air officer commander-in-chief and a senior army officer is being appointed as head of his Air Staff.

Air Staffs of the Command and its subordinate formations will consist of Army and R.A.F. officers in roughly equal proportions.

#### Lesson Of Experience

Formation of this Command, says the Air Ministry, is the outcome of a system of cooperation which was steadily built be-

tween the two Services over a long period and the new organization is designed to accord with the lessons of recent operational experience.

The Army Cooperation Command with its joint Staff will work in constant association with the Army and Air Force commands concerned.

It will ensure rapid development of army cooperation technique and foster a common understanding of all aspects of inter-Service cooperation.

The new Command is to be established on December 1, 1940. —Reuter.

### TAXIMAN'S REPORT

THAT A EUROPEAN PASSENGER HAD REFUSED TO PAY THE TAXI FARE WAS THE ALLEGATION MADE IN A REPORT TO THE POLICE BY A TAXI-DRIVER, LI YEUNG, YESTERDAY.

Li alleged that at about 8.10 on Friday, he was summoned to Argyle Street. There a European couple boarded the taxi. After seeing his woman companion home, the European ordered Li to return to the address in Argyle Street.

After leaving the taxi, the European, alleged Li, refused to pay the fare and disappeared into the building.

The Police are investigating the matter.

### ROBBERY REPORT

A theft of \$740 in money, jewellery and clothing from the second floor of No. 9, Hillwood Road, was reported by the occupants of the flat last night.

The money and articles, which included \$255 in cash, a gold pocket-watch, in cash at \$325, and a suit, was said to have occurred between 6.30 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. yesterday.

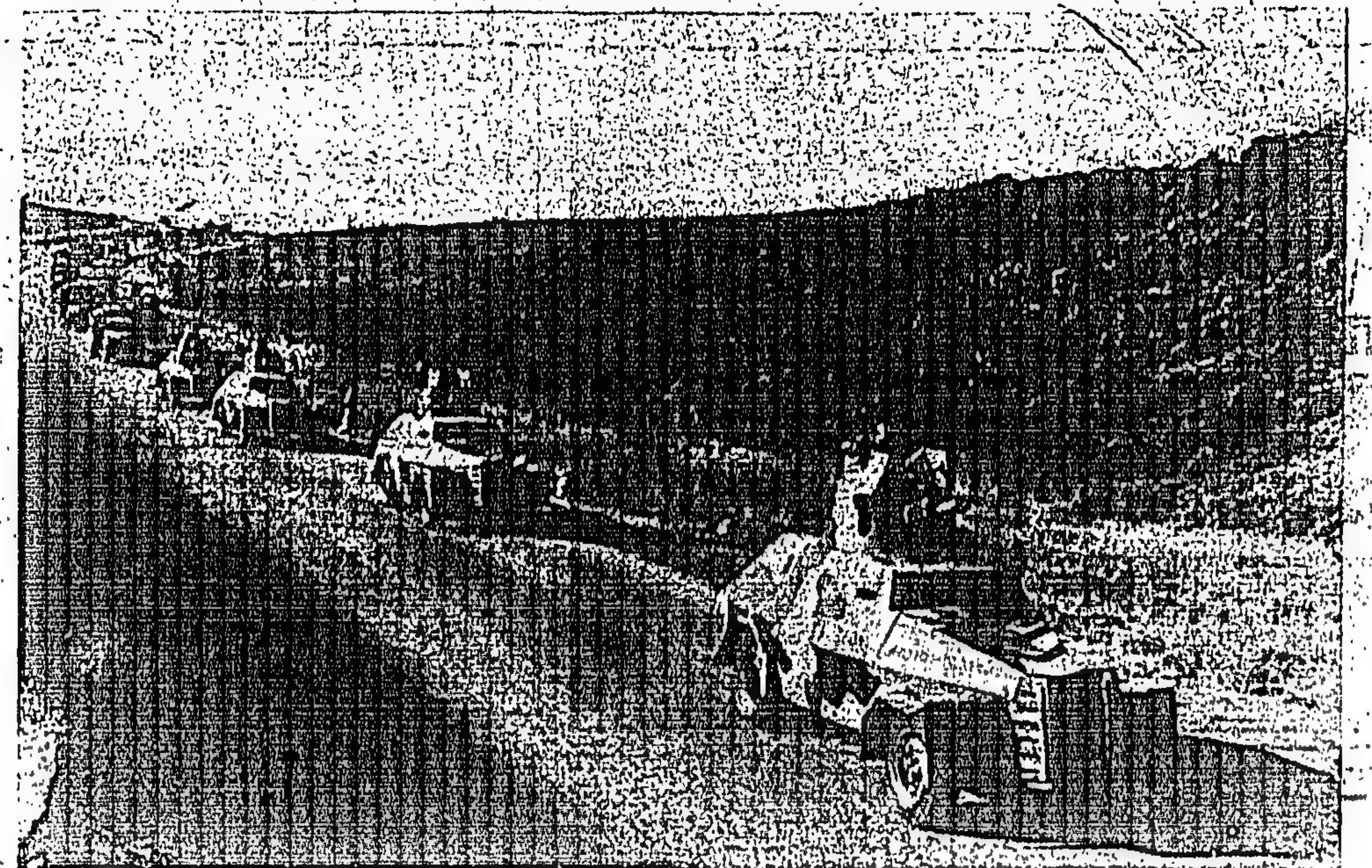
### MACAO'S NEW SHIPPING SERVICE

The French ship, s.s. Canton, arrived in Macao on Saturday afternoon from Haiphong, completing its third voyage following the inauguration of the new shipping service.

The vessel carried 87 passengers, mostly Chinese, and a cargo of coal. —Our Own Correspondent.

### VICHY CONTINUES "RED" ROUND-UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The French police yesterday carried out further arrests of Communists. At Toulouse two noted women Communists were arrested and charged with operating a secret printing plant and distributing Communist pamphlets. —Havas.



South African armoured cars on the move "somewhere in Africa." (Copyright, Fox).

### NEWS BEHIND 'THE NEWS'

Certain remarks let slip by the German Radio during the past week have caused people in Britain to ask themselves certain questions which the Germans might find difficult to answer — at least, to answer honestly and truthfully.

For instance, the German Radio said that "the former Chief Inspector of Police has been appointed to an important supervisory post in the German Army."

In London, people are asking—Is increased police supervision in the German Army necessary? If so, why?

The German Radio said: "A large number of German technicians are busy at German-occupied bases in France replacing and repairing aeroplane engines."

Have German planes received such extensive and heavy damage in their attacks on Britain, or is this necessary because of the use of poor materials in German engine construction?

Finally, the German Radio said: "During an attack on London, the machine-gun of a bomber froze, as the temperature was so far below 30 degrees."

Is British anti-aircraft fire forcing the German raiders to fly as high as all that? —Reuter.

### TROOPS TURN OVER TO DE GAULLE

A large formation of troops at Libreville who opposed the advance of the Free French Forces have now asked to join them, according to a Free French communiqué.

Wounded on both sides were few. General de Gaulle, who visited Libreville on Friday, received the civil and military authorities and verified that no inhabitants of Libreville were killed or wounded during the "police operations" which resulted in Gabon rallying to the Free French Empire. —Reuter.

### AIR TRAINING SCHEME FOR THE RED ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS YESTERDAY ORDERED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS FOR AIRMEN IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KURSK, GORKI, KIEV AND KHARKOV.

Students will be between the ages of 16 and 18 and the schools will be affiliated with military aviation schools of the Red Army and will open on January 21 next year. —Havas.

### NAZI ACTIVITY IN U.S.A.

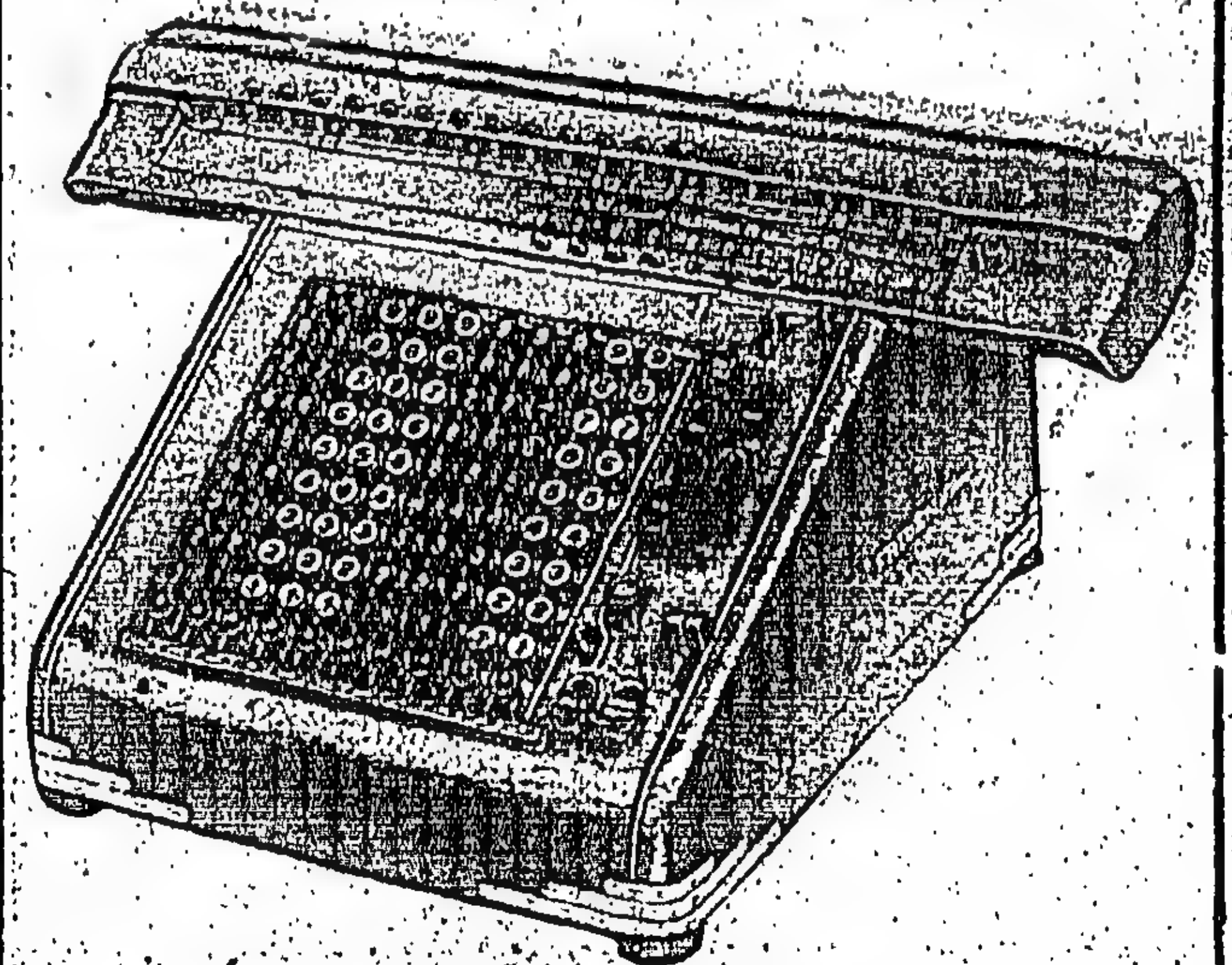
A 500-PAGE REPORT ON SUBVERSIVE GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED. MR. MARTIN DIES, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SAID YESTERDAY.

The report, he said, will deal with 5th Column activities by German consuls and agents.

He promised that a similar report on Italian agents and their work will follow very shortly. —Reuter.

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# ARABS EXPECTED TO RALLY TO BRITAIN

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent).  
AS THE WAR DEVELOPS in the Mediterranean and Middle East attention is becoming increasingly focussed on the great central mass of countries usually called the Arab States.

Nearly all these countries belonged to the old Turkish Empire and they now have not only many different forms of government but also different degrees of independence.

Truly independent States are Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen, and next come Syria, Lebanon and Trans-Jordan, which have their own governments but are under the guidance of a mandatory power.

Then come Palestine, which is directly governed by the mandatory power; and the smaller protectorate of Aden.

The attitude of all these States is vastly important at the present time.

Iraq, like Egypt, is allied to Britain but she has not declared war though all her relations with Britain's enemies have been broken off.

Her army consists of three divisions which are being trained by a British military mission.

## Pro-Ally

Saudi Arabia may be regarded as pro-Ally. Saudi Arabia is bound to Iraq by treaty of Arab brotherhood and alliance. Yemen also subscribed to this treaty.

Difficulties over the past years in Palestine have been great but there are many indications now that the Arabs are giving the famous White Paper a trial.

Those who fled the country have now returned and many arms have been surrendered.

British troops must remain here on protective duties at least for the time being. — Reuter.

## SHATIN DRIVING INCIDENT

The Kowloon Police are endeavouring to trace an alleged hit-and-run driver who knocked down a Chinese while overtaking another car near Shatin yesterday afternoon.

Among the several witnesses were Mr. W. G. Routley, Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, Dr. Arthur Fung and Mr. F. Brett, Chief Inspector of Junks and Cargo Boats, Harbour Department.

Mr. Routley, in his report to the Police, stated that he was driving in Shatin at about 6 p.m. yesterday. There were several cars following him and a number in front. He was requested to stop by the car in front and saw a Chinese lying on the roadside, having apparently been knocked down. He took the man to the Kowloon Hospital.

Dr. Fung, who requested Mr. Routley to stop, stated that he saw a car in front of his overtake another car. After hearing a cry, he saw a man rolling on the road. The man had apparently been knocked down by the car which was overtaking.

He stopped and rendered first aid treatment to the injured man. Having no room in his own vehicle he stopped the car driven by Mr. Routley.

Mr. F. Brett was among the witnesses who assisted.

The injured man, Ho Fuk, 36, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

## DIED FROM BEETLE BITE

Bitten by a Rove Beetle, an insect commonly known as the "devil's coach-horse," a five-year-old Leicester boy, Anthony Bamcroft, died later from blood poisoning. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded by the Leicester coroner.

Professor P. A. H. Muschamp said that he thought this was the first case on record of a "devil's coach-horse" harming anyone.

## ANTONESCU LEAVES FOR BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Accompanied by his suite General Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, has left Rome for Bucharest. — Havas.

Lo Ming, 51, was bound over by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing three sandbags from the Supreme Court, Des Voeux Road Central.

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## New Immigration Office Opens To Roaring Business

### WATERLOO ROAD ACCIDENT

Mrs. H. Danbrowsky, wife of Police Sergeant Danbrowsky, was slightly injured on Saturday morning when she was knocked down by a lorry in Waterloo Road. The accident occurred at 9.20 a.m. while Mrs. Danbrowsky was walking with Mrs. Pengelly.

As a sequel to the accident, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the lorry driver, Chan Sing, was fined \$50 for dangerous driving.

Sergeant Brown revealed that Mrs. Danbrowsky at the time of the accident was wheeling a pram in which there was a baby. The road was 77 feet wide and there was little or no traffic.

Mrs. Danbrowsky has been detained in the Kowloon Hospital but her injuries are not of a serious nature.

EUROPEAN AND Chinese police constables had to work hard this morning controlling a bustling, somewhat excited crowd of Chinese who filled the Immigration Office, Marina House, soon after it opened "for business."

While the inside staff of the Office was kept working at top-speed, more and more people gathered outside, jabbering away on the steps, completely blocking the pavement and forcing normal pedestrian traffic out onto the roadway.

On the other side of the street, an even larger crowd of the usual idle onlookers who appear like magic on any street in the Far East, no matter what the time of day or night, employed its time in typically unprofitable fashion, staring dully, inertly across the road.

The one narrow door of the Immigration Office was jammed with people the whole morning, and police officers detailed for duty had their work cut out trying to keep the newcomers in some sort of an orderly queue

and, at the same time, leave space for those who had got their certificates of residence to sally out into the sunlight again.

### Thriving Business

In the alleyway next to the Chase Bank, side-street photographers were doing a thriving business. For some weeks now, two or three of these photographers have set up their equipment in this side-street just outside Windsor House, their "photographs while you wait" service bringing in the "shekels" from those needing two photographs for their cholera/smallpox certificates.

This morning, however, the number of photographers increased three or fourfold, and even then there was quite a long waiting list.

Indeed, at times the crush was so great that it was almost impossible to force one's way through the crowd without a great display of energy and, in some cases, the use of a few appropriate "cuss-words."

It is understood that the Immigration Control Office was only issuing certificates of residence this morning.

### HAN DYNASTY TOMBS FOUND

Six large tombs of the Han Dynasty were recently discovered at Loshan, southeast of Omei, by a party of archaeological research fellows of the Nanking University led by Mr. Shang Cheng-tsu.

Inside the tombs were found two large chambers and more than 10 pieces of beautiful stone carvings. Excavation work is now proceeding. — Central News.

### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone now extends from the Yangtze Valley north-eastward across Japan to the Pacific; it has decreased considerably in intensity over the northern portion.

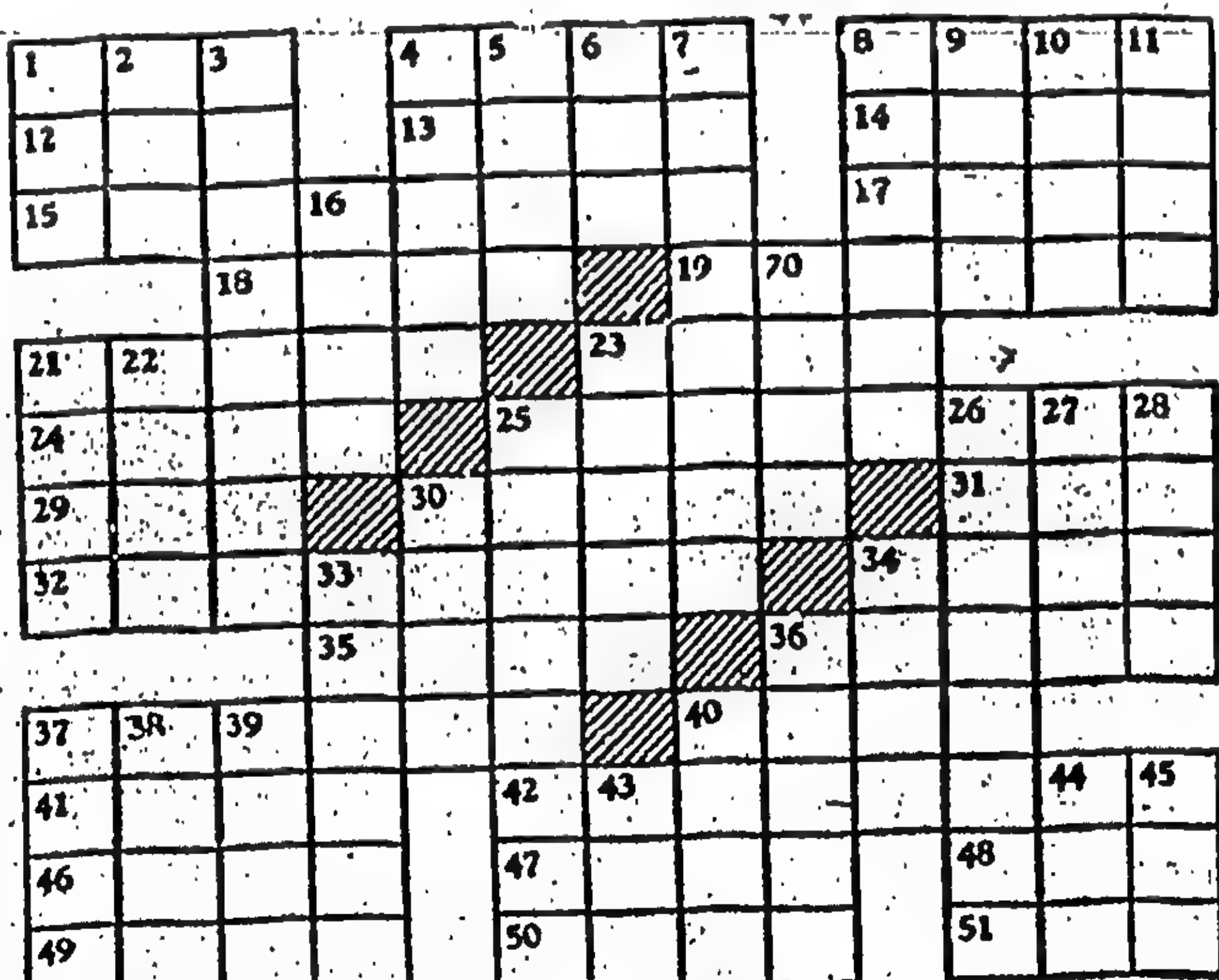
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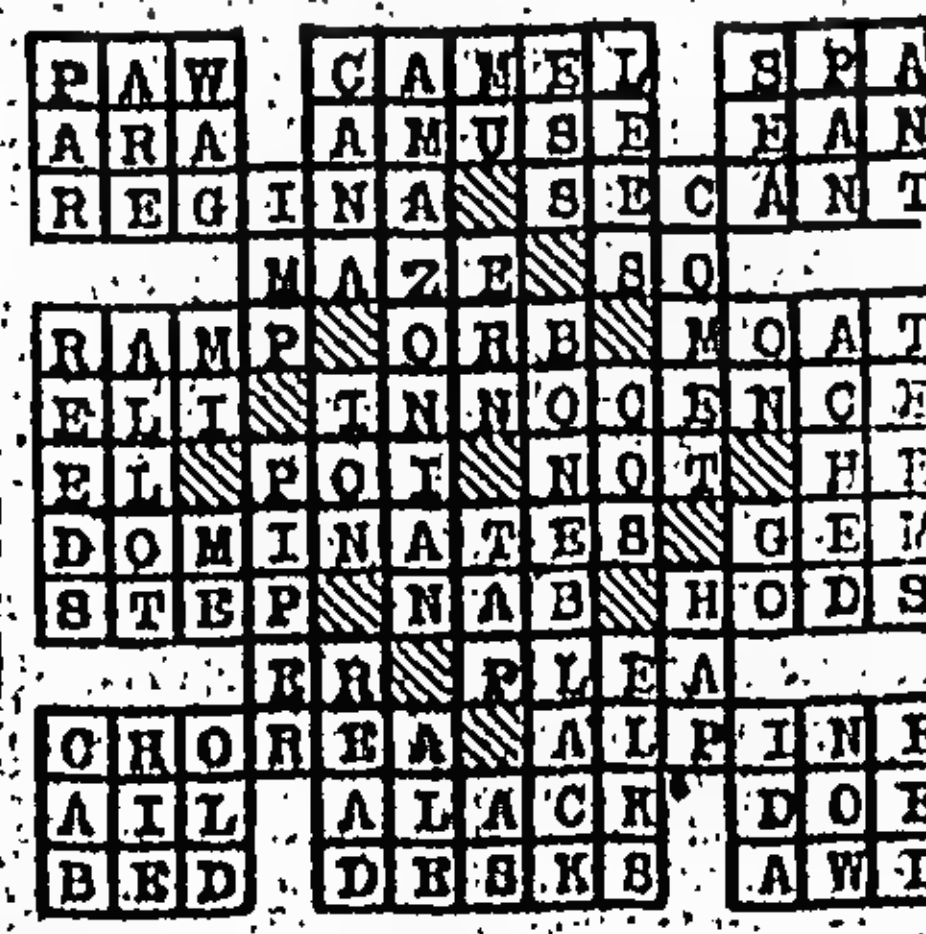
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- 1 To cut short
- 4 Fish sauce
- 8 Soaks
- 12 Literary scraps
- 13 Bun
- 14 Malaysian vessel
- 15 Tropical shrub
- 17 Sounded
- 18 Teutonic alphabetic character
- 19 Disburses
- 21 Country in Asia
- 23 Large continent
- 24 Prevaricates
- 25 Small fragments
- 29 To be mistaken
- 30 Leaf in a flower cluster
- 31 Prefix, new
- 32 Decorative garlands
- 34 To peruse
- 35 Sea eagles
- 36 Latin earth
- 37 To fondle
- 40 Execute

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Sack
- 2 South American language
- 3 Obstructions
- 4 Place of combat
- 5 Sole
- 6 High priest
- 7 Ancient works of art
- 8 To unfurl
- 9 Algerian seaport
- 10 Small lake
- 11 Sinks
- 16 Demands for payment
- 20 Liquid measure
- 21 Music character
- 22 To rent
- 23 Wolfhounds
- 25 Forepart of building
- 26 Inherent powers
- 27 To nurture
- 28 Beverage
- 29 Tiresome person
- 33 Examiner
- 34 City in Nevada
- 36 Weeds
- 37 Ground occupied by an army
- 38 Wind instrument
- 39 Withered
- 40 Queen of the gods
- 43 Conjunction
- 44 To bespeckle
- 45 Vessel's curved planking

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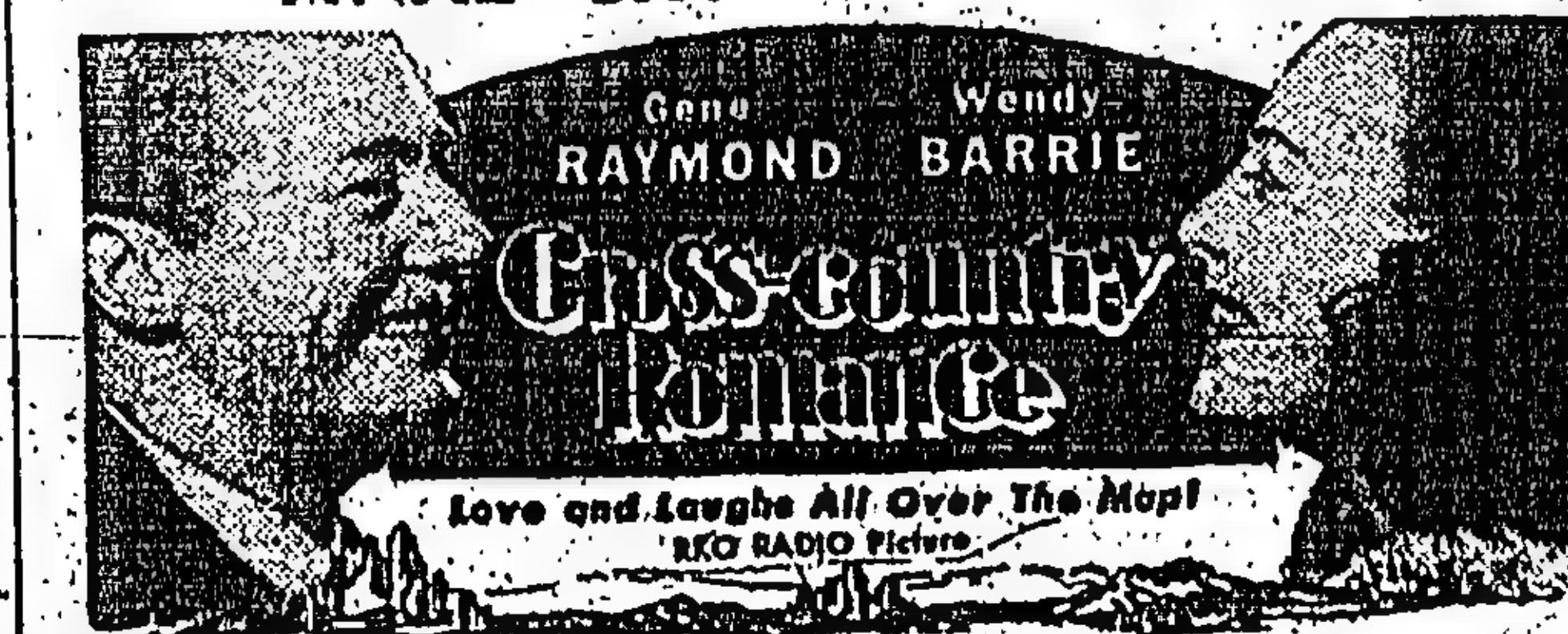


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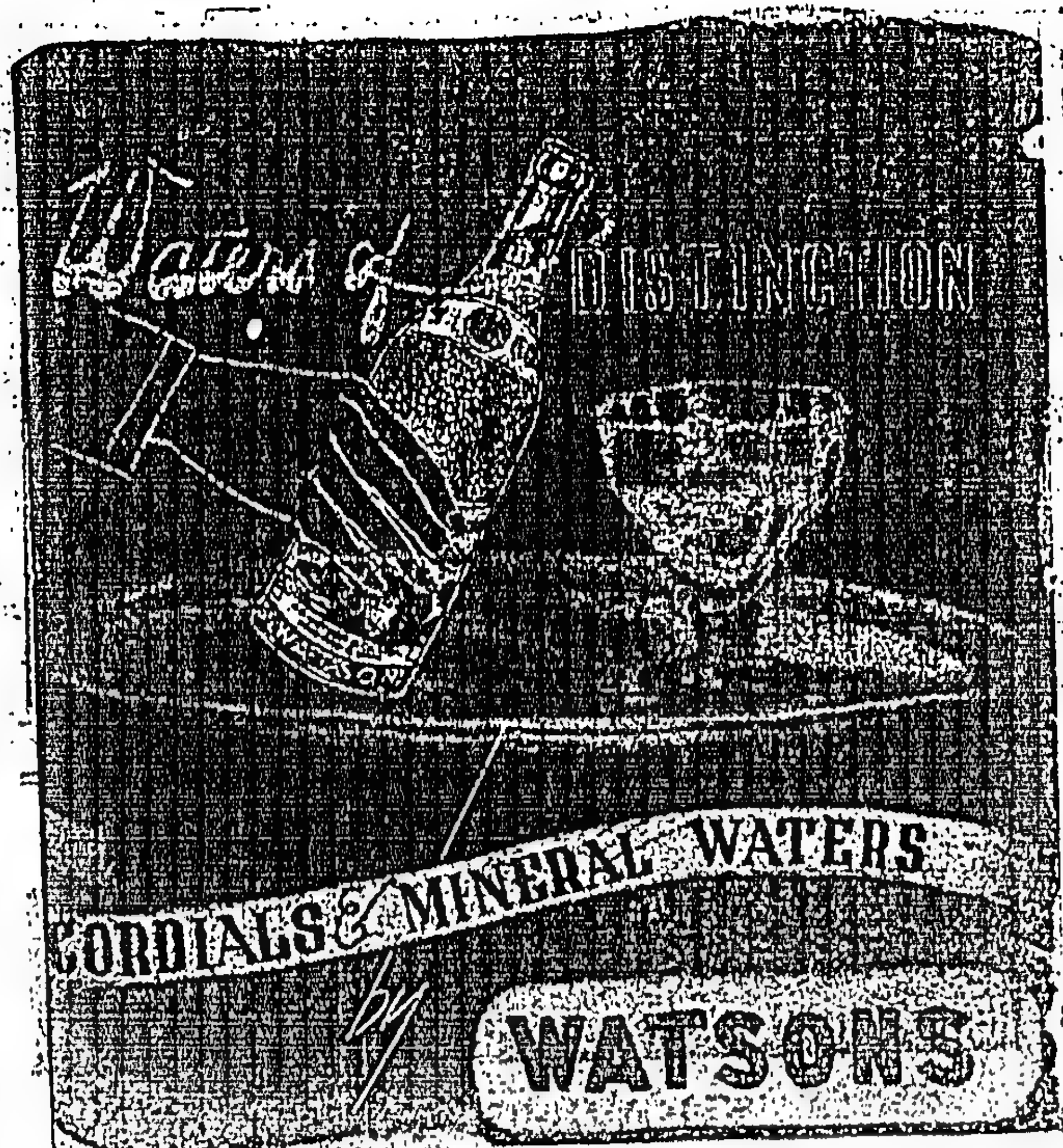
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## Onslow Discharged In Diamond Ring Ticket Case

A WRITTEN JUDGMENT was given by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Charles Onslow, 40, again appeared on a charge of unlawful possession of two diamond rings. Onslow was found not guilty and discharged.

Detective Sergeant Cullinan prosecuted.

Mr. Lowry said: "In this case, defendant is charged with an offence against section 24 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, the particulars of Offence setting out that 'on the 7th of November, 1940, you did have in your possession two diamond rings, reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained'. The prosecution have called evidence which, if uncontradicted, would establish the following facts:— (1) That a man giving his name as Chan Kau pawned a diamond ring for \$30 at the Tak Lung pawnshop on the 20th. October, 1940, and that a man giving his name as Chan Si pawned a diamond ring for \$80 at the Tai Lung Pawnshop on the 15th of October, 1940. (2) That the pawn tickets relating to these two rings were found on defendant on the 7th November, 1940.

(3) That the defendant after his arrest made a statement as follows:— 'These pawn tickets were handed to me by a friend named Lee Wing-yiu for sale. I have known him for a few years and believe him to be an honest man.'

The defendant made another statement before arrest to which I will refer later.

(4) That the defendant has failed to trace Lee Wing-yiu though given every opportunity to do so.

I have now to consider if this evidence is sufficient to establish a prima facie case against the defendant.

### No Owner Traced

The original owner of the rings has not been traced, and there is no evidence to show that they were stolen apart from the defendant's statement that he bought them for a few dimes (for, however, one interprets a 'few dimes' it is clear that the sum referred to was absurdly small when compared with the articles pawned). And, while it is not necessary to decide the case on this point, it is to be noted that the statement referring to a few dimes was made to the prosecuting officer when the defendant was in custody at the Police station but before he was charged and cautioned. There is no evidence to show that the statement was not voluntary or that there was any inducement but the third of the Rules for Police Officers approved by His Majesty's Judges was not observed. This type of statement was fully discussed in the case *Chan Ngau versus Rex* (Hong Kong Reports Vol. XXVII page 56). In that case it was held that the weight to be attached to such statements was primarily a matter for the discretion of the trial judge or magistrate. In this case, I should find it difficult to attach any weight at all to the statement made by the defendant in which he referred to a few dimes.

Entirely apart from such considerations, there is no evidence to show that the defendant had at any time the actual physical possession of these rings and indeed the evidence goes to prove that it was unlikely that he ever had. But the prosecution ask me to hold that the defendant, as possessor of the pawn tickets and as the only person who can obtain the rings, is in absolute control of these rings and that they are, therefore, in his constructive possession. This argument gives rise to two questions:—

- (1) Can the doctrine of constructive possession be applied to charges brought under section 24?
- (2) When, if ever, can it be held that a person in possession of pawn tickets is in constructive possession of the articles to which they relate if he has never had physical possession of those articles.

### No Counterpart

Section 24 has no counterpart in the general body of English

criminal law. It is therefore difficult to trace any cases bearing on the first question. But I think it is very doubtful if the words 'having in his possession' in this section should be deemed to include constructive possession. The section, like section 63 of the Larceny Ordinance, extends the law so as to make it easier to bring to justice those who deal in stolen property. And the Courts in interpreting the section in the Prevention of Crimes Act (1371), on which section 63 is based, having held that the words 'found in his possession' must be deemed to mean 'found in his actual physical possession'. Thus in *Rex versus Hardy* (74 J. P. 296) it was held, following the decisions in *R. versus Dragg* and *R. versus Carter*, that in charges of receiving stolen property where it is sought to prove that other property stolen in the preceding twelve months was in the possession of the prisoner, the evidence must be excluded unless it goes to show that the property in question was in his actual physical possession.

But even supposing that the doctrine of constructive possession can be applied to section 24, the second question remains. Does the evidence show that the rings concerned in this charge were in the actual possession of a person over whom the defendant has a control so that they would be forthcoming if he ordered it? I do not think that *R. versus Cullen* (37 L.I.N.G. 83) is of the slightest help in deciding this point. For in that case the prisoner was in constructive possession of the articles stolen before they reached the pawnbroker. In this case, the rings would not have been forthcoming unless the defendant was in a position to pay the full amount due on tickets. In these circumstances, I cannot see how it can be said that the defendant was in absolute control of these rings. I am unable to find that there is evidence that the defendant was in constructive possession of these articles and for this reason, if for no other, I hold that there is no case for the defendant to answer.

I might add that there seems to be no reason why the defendant should not have been charged with the possession of the pawn tickets which themselves are articles of value. The defendant will be found not guilty and discharged.

## WOMEN FIGHT OVER HUSBAND

In Court because of a fight on a piece of vacant ground opposite the Mongkok Fire Station, last night, Chan Ng-mui, 27, married woman, was to-day bound over, while Chan Chu, 29, widow, who failed to appear, had her bail of \$10 estreated. They were charged with disorderly conduct.

Sergeant Gordon said that two women were seen striking at one another with fists. A Police Reservist arrested them. Chan Ng-mui alleged that the widow had taken away her husband.

## SHOPPING HOURS AFTER RAIDS

Croydon Chamber of Commerce has turned down a suggestion that, because shopping hours are so often interrupted by air raid warnings, shops should open earlier each morning. The Chamber is also opposed to keeping shops open an hour later at night.

Mr. D. W. Joslin, President of the Chamber, said: "At some shops instructions have been issued that, if an air raid warning is in operation after midnight, staffs will be allowed to arrive at work later—in one instance as late as 10 a.m."

Shopkeepers in other parts of London may follow this lead.

## MONASTIR AGAIN BOMBED; DELIBERATELY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Unidentified foreign planes again bombed Yugoslav territory near the Albanian and Greek borders yesterday, it was reported in Belgrade.

Monastir suffered a heavy raid which was apparently deliberate.

Yugoslav planes finally repulsed the raiders. — International News Service.

## Woman In Forged Note Case

KAN PO, A WOMAN, WAS THIS MORNING CHARGED BEFORE MR. E. H. WILLIAMS WITH UTTERING A FORGED \$10 BANKNOTE AND WITH ITS POSSESSION.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, and the jury consisted of Messrs.—G. E. F. Thompson, Wong Wing-kit, T. Ramsey, Chih Ching-huang, To Kam-hing, Hing Kam-to, E. G. N. Grimble and J. R. Gomes.

Mr. Reynolds said accused went to the Kwong Lee money changer, at 8.30 a.m. on October 23 and tendered a Bank of Communications \$10 note for which she received \$2.60. The accountants handed the note to another accountant, Lee Yue, who found it to be a forgery. Accused had left the shop and gone in a westerly direction. Lee Yue went in the same direction, to Leung Shan, another money changer, where he found that a similar ten dollar note had been exchanged for \$2.40 a few minutes previously.

He then continued west to another money-changer, Yip Lee, where the woman had tendered another note, which had been refused as a forgery. Lee Yue came up and accused defendant of uttering forged notes. She snatched the note back and tore it. Police arrived shortly after.

In reply to the charge of uttering, accused said that she had nothing to say, but on the possession charge said that she did not know the note was forged.

## RACECOURSE PICKPOCKET CAUGHT

Chiu Fook-yuen, 45, shop foki, was charged before Mr. T. J. Gould this morning with stealing a wallet, containing \$28.30, from Mr. J. N. Peckson, chief officer of the S.S. Regalas, at the Race Course, on Saturday.

Inspector Portallion said Mr. Peckson was buying a ticket at the Public Enclosure, Hong Kong Jockey Club, when he felt a movement at his jacket pocket. He turned and saw defendant holding his wallet.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Pleading guilty to stealing 30 pounds of rivets, valued at \$80, from a launch at Kowloon Docks yesterday morning, Tsang Lai, 30, was fined \$200 or two months' hard labour, by Mr. E. H. Hmsworth this morning.





## ITALY'S DILEMMA

Italy's next moves in the series of rude shocks of the last week or two must be causing many sleepless nights in Rome.

The grave misjudgment of the strength of Greek resistance was bad enough in itself. It became a first-class tactical blunder when it gave Britain the extremely valuable naval base of Crete, athwart the passage to Libya and to the Dodecanese. The disaster of Taranto — the loss of three Italian battleships is now definitely confirmed — robs Il Duce of the most obvious retort, to give battle to the British Fleet.

As things stand, his dilemma is acute. If the attack on Egypt is not soon launched, it never will be. It would not be surprising therefore if signs of activity at Sidi Barrani were soon detected.

Italy's forces are said to be ready for an advance along the coastal road towards Alexandria. In the East she has been so long meditating an advance on Khartum from Kassala and on Port Sudan, which is Khartum's natural link with the outer world that the initiative is passing. The third report of her hopes to cross Egypt's deserts from the depths of Libya and, after five hundred waterless miles, to reach the Nile at Wadi Halfa seems the fruit of someone's too heroic imagination. She may strike at Alexandria across the desert to make an alternative threat to the one along the coast, but she is hardly likely to go lower than the Siwa oasis, which itself is two hundred miles from the sea and provides difficulties in plenty. We shall not underestimate the Italians; they had little opposition in Somaliland, but made none of the expected mistakes and did things easily — like the advance along the coast — which people in high places said they could not do at all. Beyond their talents they have great superiority in numbers, for what it is worth in a region in which numbers are hard to maintain. Against them we have the promise of Egyptian aid, and we have there some of the finest troops to be found in the Empire. The fleet, which Italy always feared to engage, has been enlarged. To-day the Near East is more important than Britain, for beyond

When on the morning of the 4th May of last year the news spread abroad in Europe that Litvinoff had been overthrown, and that Molotov was his successor, there could only have been a few who were acquainted with the name of the latter. This was somewhat remarkable as Molotov had been already for nine years Chairman of the Council of the People's Council of the People's Commissars of the Soviet Union, a position corresponding somewhat to that of prime minister in some European States. He still keeps this position in addition to that of Minister of Foreign Affairs. On the other hand this was not surprising, because Molotov belongs to that Russian-Asiatic type whose face is not the index to the mind, and indeed to a European observer his appearance seems almost entirely without interest. Of an unassuming exterior, medium height, loose hair, he is one whose whole appearance reminded one of the Russian 'Intelligentsia' of pre-war days. With their somewhat limited provincial outlook, there is nothing brilliant or anything striking about him. A small, pebble polished by the grinding stream of the Revolution and cast up to the surface.

However, it was everywhere perceived that with the deposition of Litvinoff, a definite phase of the foreign policy of the Union of Soviets had come to an end. Litvinoff was generally overrated on the European stage, upon which he smoothly but often grotesquely moved. He never belonged to the inner circle of the Soviet Administration. He was always an agent merely, and was utilised as a facade by Stalin in that period when it was the concern of the Kremlin to make a pretence of levelling up to the Western democracies.

Molotov is in many ways just the opposite of his predecessor Litvinoff, who was of Jewish birth. He is Russian and was formerly called Skirjabin. The name Molotov — it means something like 'hammerman' — he assumed (as Stalin did) during the Great War as a revolutionary nom-de-guerre. The career of the 50 year old Molotov corresponds in all

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respects to that of one of the old Bolshevik revolutionaries.

While still a school-boy he became connected with the Communists and was banished to Siberia. In 1917 he worked with Stalin on the editorial staff of the then illegal "Pravda," and, later, in the Revolutionary Committee which prepared the October rising. Since then he has been in the train of Stalin in his development from phase to phase, as his true shadow.

ready in the last days of Lenin a strong opponent of Trotsky, indeed almost the only opponent in the then Soviet bureaucracy. In the nine years in which he worked as Chairman of the Council of the People's Commissars, he has made many long speeches at Party Congresses, and in them hardly a single, original thought is to be found.

Like Stalin he is that type of the former Bolshevik revolutionary who has never lived out of Russia.

He knows no foreign language, and even in Russian he is handicapped by an impediment of speech. The only characteristic which, when mention is made of Molotov, is always repeated, is his "fidelity to Stalin." He is a tenacious organiser, for whom the foreign political field is not entirely new, since he for years functioned as middle-man between Stalin and Litvinoff.

With his taking over of the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, the "Stalinisation" of Soviet-Russian diplomacy was first really brought to fruition. Of the three Jews who occupied the Embassies in Rome, Paris and London, Stein, the Ambassador in Rome, has disappeared. The termination of the careers of the others is only a matter of time. This is all in accordance with the new policy, namely, the elimination of Jewish influence, and, as Stalin himself said a few months ago, "the Soviet Union does not intend any longer to take the chestnuts out of the fire for the democratic Powers."

Litvinoff's fall must be attributed to the fact that he was too compliant vis a vis England. After the entry of Molotov into office the representatives of the Western Powers were again and again rebuffed. What significance could this have? The Kremlin wished to use the opportunity to demonstrate that the Soviet Union, which since the mis-carriage of the Red-Spanish adventure, seemed to have been squeezed out diplomatically from Europe, did not intend to re-enter upon the political chess-board as a mere pawn. Pursuing this line of action matters were so arranged that British negotiations ended in failure.

Molotov is universally known in Moscow by the nickname of "the steel back," an untranslatable play upon Stalin's name, which means 'steel.' It is clear that the Kremlin believes that the policy that was ushered in with the pact with France and continued with the Soviet's entry into the League of Nations, must be cast overboard as having been unsuccessful. New alignments must be made, and Molotov will be the cold-blooded executor of these. — "Twentieth Century," Berlin.

# Hitler's Star May Wane In The East

Though the war round our coasts and over our cities and the threat of invasion from the French ports continues to engage public attention, it is undoubtedly a source of anxiety to Hitler and Mussolini that we can spare more than a little thought to the Mediterranean; thought, moreover, backed up by strong reinforcements to our Mediterranean fleet, and to our armies and Air Force in Africa.

Comings and goings between Berlin, Rome, and Madrid have been concerned primarily with Gibraltar and its neighbourhood, while in the Eastern Mediterranean, Syria and the Arab world are receiving blandishments from Italy; and to back those blandishments up in the East, as in Spain, Britain is being represented as "practically" beaten.

Here, then, is the diplomatic prelude to the opening of what may well prove to be the greatest naval and military drama that the Mediterranean has seen in its thousands of years of war experience.

Hitler is about to stage his attack on the British Empire

the canal, at which Italy aims, lies the oil which Germany cannot for long do without. The assault on the free Empire may begin at any moment, from other points as well as Egypt, and it is indeed the greatest challenge we have ever faced. But because the only good future for the world hangs on our success we shall stand firm and gain it.

as the only alternative to his failure to frighten us by his Blitzkrieg into making peace.

He is, in fact, and of necessity, repeating Napoleon's strategy.

The diplomatic activities upon which Hitler and Mussolini are engaged point to what may be called an Outer War and an Inner War.

The Outer War is concerned with the raising of the blockade

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of the Mediterranean; if this remains intact, it must render any military successes within the blockade barren, because they cannot win for Italy what she must have — cargoes from the extra-European world.

Hence the feverish efforts of the Axis to obtain the means of making Gibraltar untenable for the Navy, and, to a less degree, Aden.

With these two sea-gates, securely in our hands, the blockade of Europe will go on regardless of military developments within its stranglehold.

The Outer War — the blockade — has been joined since the day that war was declared; in spite of severe losses and anxieties it has gone heavily against the Axis,

their victories over weak Powers in Europe notwithstanding.

The Inner War against Britain is now opening in Egypt; a defeat of the Axis on land in this historic country may well prove its Waterloo. Hence the overwhelming importance of pending events in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The relative strength of the opposing forces on the Libyan and Sudan frontiers are not generally known, though the numerical superiority of the Italian armies at the moment is widely assumed.

## Sea-Power The Key

But the key to this military campaign still lies with sea power. So long as we are dominant in the outer seas, our land and air forces can be steadily reinforced and supplied from the East and round the Cape from the West.

If, however, our dominance inside the Mediterranean were successfully challenged, the Axis could reinforce their African and Near Eastern armies across the narrows of the Mediterranean.

The war would thus become a vast land campaign — a veritable Armageddon in that little corner of the world forecast as the scene of the great battle of the nations and the theatre in which Hitler, in his recent Sportsplatz speech, prophesied that "millions must die" if we refused to be intimidated into making peace.

That, briefly, is the strategic position with which the British Commonwealth is faced.

We have an army of incomparable soldiers in the Near East and a great reservoir of reinforcements at home and in the Dominions.

The Arab world, and the Palestine Jews, are coming together with Britain to resist the onslaught on our common liberties.

Between Germany and the scene of coming conflict lie Turkey and Syria. By sea alone — so far as can at present be foreseen — can German and Italian reinforcements reach their African armies.

## Importance Of Bases

Threatening that narrow sea-crossing is the British Navy, strongly reinforced within the last few weeks.

But the Navy must have a secure base from which to operate in the Eastern Mediterranean; hence the importance of Alexandria, and other minor bases for small craft such as Haifa and Cyprus.

There is no doubt that Hitler and Mussolini had calculated on the ability of their bombers and submarines to dominate these narrow seas and thus to sterilise our seapower, just as Hitler had hoped to do in the English Channel.

But just as Hitler has been disappointed here, so is Mussolini being disappointed there. The Navy keeps the sea while the Italian battle fleet lurks in harbour.

In the coming weeks the land battle for Alexandria, and the intrigues to sterilise our blockade at Gibraltar from the land, will share with the attack on Britain the attention of the world.



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# A.A. GUNFIRE AGAIN FOILS BOMBERS

LONDON'S TERRIFIC anti-aircraft barrage again proved most effective throughout the dark hours. Although enemy raiders dropped bombs in many parts of the capital, the aiming was inaccurate.

Earlier in the day low-lying clouds had obscured the raiders, but with the rising of the moon the skies cleared, and it was possible for the searchlights to pick up lone raiders and to hold them for action by our fighters. At least one raider was dispatched by this means.

The pilot of a fighter on patrol over London saw searchlights concentrate on a point several miles to the north. A Heinkel 111 bomber was held in their beams, and for twenty minutes the fighter gave chase.

Though some of the searchlights had lost the enemy, three or four of them still held him. When the fighter opened fire the Heinkel dropped bombs to lighten its load. At the same time bullets from the Heinkel's rear-gun hit the windscreen and wing of the fighter. But the fighter's bullets had struck home and the Heinkel dropped flaming out of the sky. Following it down, the fighter pilot saw the explosion as it crashed.

Four other raiders, unable to penetrate the heavy gunfire, were tackled by British fighters over a south-eastern town and one is reported to have been brought down. Another was severely damaged in a machine-gun duel and it was seen to be losing height rapidly as it made for the coast chased by two Spitfires.

### 8½ Hours' Raid Warning

In the London area the air-raid warning was sounded at approximately nine o'clock at night, and the "all clear" was not given until 5.30 the next morning.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique issued later in the morning stated: "Enemy air attacks during the night were mainly concentrated on the London area and on a town in South Wales."

The attacks on London were resumed soon after dark, and were again maintained throughout the greater part of the night. Though bombs were dropped in many parts of the capital and its suburbs, most of the damage was caused in the eastern, southern, and south-western districts.

"Dwelling houses and industrial premises in several districts were damaged, and a number of fires were started. Many of the fires have already been extinguished, and all are now under control."

"In South Wales high explosive and incendiary bombs, which fell in one town caused some damage to houses and other buildings. Details of the casualties are not yet available."

"An enemy aircraft was shot down by our fighters during the night."

One raider, which flew over Central London released a stick of three high explosive bombs. One of the bombs appears to have glanced from the roof of a building. It crashed into the side of a block opposite, where it exploded and brought down a large section of the wall.

The other two dropped in a line forward of this mark and made direct hits on a large block of flats. Each bomb which struck the block blew out a huge section of masonry and destroyed numerous flats on several floors.

All the occupants of the block had taken refuge in the shelters within the building, and there was not a single casualty.

### Houses Demolished

The suburban areas, however, did not escape so lightly.

One of the dormitories of London's city workers in the south-west received a full load of bombs when raiders were diverted from their course by the heavy barrage.

A purely residential district miles from anything in the nature of a military objective, or even a factory, suffered particularly, but, despite considerable damage, there were scarcely any casualties.

A high explosive bomb fell on the outskirts of a park in South London. Two trees were torn

up by the roots a park shelter collapsed, and a huge crater was made.

In West London a church was seriously damaged and the adjoining vicarage was almost completely demolished when three bombs were dropped. Parts of the exterior walls of the church were shattered when a bomb fell in the churchyard. A portion of the roof collapsed and brought down with it the interior of the church. Every stained-glass window was destroyed.

### 250 Incendiaries

It is estimated that 250 incendiary bombs fell in another West London district, but all with two exceptions were effectively dealt with by stirrup pumps.

One exception was a woman's club where the damage also was not great. The other also caused minor damage.

A famous London building was one of the places on which incendiaries were showered. The institution has its own A.R.P. service. The bombs did slight damage to the records department and to some old timber.

Three bombs which fell in a south-west district partly demolished a post office and several houses in streets nearby. The houses were reduced to masses of rubble, and digging continued for several hours.

The rescue party went on with their work despite air-raid alarms. Two or three fatal casualties are feared, but two babies evacuated only a day or two before from the East End had amazing escapes. One, aged only about nine weeks, was found, after four hours' digging, unhurt except for a scratch on the face, clasped in its mother's arms. The baby's little brother aged two and a half, was rescued unconscious. The mother and father were injured.

A theatre in South-East London was set on fire by incendiary bombs and badly damaged before the flames were extinguished.

In another south-east London district a high-explosive bomb struck a maternity hospital. No one was hurt, as all patients and staff were in shelters.

### Casualties In The Provinces

When a bomb dropped near a South-East England urban council control centre three houses were demolished. The control centre was undamaged. Five adults in one of the houses were killed.

A woman was killed when a bomb hit her house in the centre of a South-East coast resort. Bombs fell in a line down a concrete road, making huge craters. Hundreds of windows were broken.

In another South-East coast town whistling and oil bombs were dropped, and in one of the main streets the Town Hall was damaged.

Considerable damage was done to business and other property. The solitary raider had previously circled round the town. Its first bomb, a high explosive, fell a few yards short of the Town Hall. A piece of concrete from the canopy of the assembly hall was blown 200 yards on to the choir vestry of one of the oldest churches in the town.

Two other bombs fell on the

## HUNDREDS SAVED BY TRANSFUSIONS

Casualties, in the raids on London have necessitated big calls on the blood transfusion service. Supplies of blood are being regularly delivered to the hospitals, often during raids, and hundreds of lives have been saved.

On one day alone supplies representing nearly 300 pints of blood were given by donors.

An S.O.S. for more donors has been made and the response has been magnificent.

## TURKEY WILL FIGHT

INFORMED TURKISH QUARTERS SAID IN ISTANBUL THAT TURKEY HOPES FOR BENEVOLENT RUSSIAN NEUTRALITY IN THE BALKANS AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, BUT THAT TURKEY WILL FIGHT IF SHE IS "VITALLY THREATENED," REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF FOREIGN COMMISSAR V. M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT TO BERLIN.

These quarters added that any movement in Bulgaria against Turkey "would be considered sufficient cause for war." Molotov's Berlin visit has aroused grave misgivings in Istanbul. Officials were silent but foreign observers expressed the opinion that Turkey was likely to have been the major topic of the Berlin conference.—Associated Press.

## YUGOSLAVS ON GUARD

TURKEY'S NEWSPAPERS URGED YUGOSLAVIA TO STAND FIRM AGAINST ANY NEW AXIS ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE THE BALKANS.

They said it was learned that when the Grecian war broke out Turkey had urged Britain to give every possible aid to Greece. Turkey is increasing her air raid shelters and calling up reservists.

Meanwhile it was learned unofficially in Belgrade that Yugoslav frontier troop concentrations have increased and the borders of the country are being closely guarded especially in the mountain areas adjacent to Albania.—Associated Press.

other side of the Town Hall. The raider gunned a searchlight station, the occupants of which promptly "let go" in reply.

A hole was made in the roof of a library in the town centre, and in the roof of premises next to it. A chapel struck had a large portion torn away. Six casualties, including one fatal, have so far been reported.

The raider sped along the coast over town after town. Incendiaries fell on two neighbouring estates, but teams of householders put fires out with stirrup pumps.



# THE ITALIAN ARMY'S TAIL DOWN

## Armoured Column Smashed Up Near Koritza Front

AN ITALIAN ARMOURED column has been smashed up by Greek troops operating on the eastern sector of the front, according to reports received in Athens last night.

It is also reported but not yet confirmed that a large number of tanks which have been dispersed have crossed the frontier into Yugoslavia to avoid capture.

All reports received in London yesterday evening indicated that the Italian attack has been turned against them with such effect that it is now the Italians who are up against an invasion.

On the whole 150-mile front, they were reported to be moving backwards.

The fiercest fighting was around Koritza, which is nine miles inside Albania. Italian reinforcements staged a counter-attack, but are reported to have been repulsed and driven back with heavy losses. According to one report, 130 Italian tanks trying to get into Yugoslavia from Koritza have been cut off by Greek troops advancing from the east.

### Italian Silence

The Italians are maintaining a significant silence, and their communication yesterday only gave two lines out of a total of 37 to the land operations.

These two lines were of little value, and read:—

"On the Greek front, attacks and counter-attacks took place yesterday, and were particularly heavy in the sector of the Ninth Army."

Semi-official London circles comment that this Italian unwillingness to say much is perhaps only natural, as the Italians cannot conceal the fact that their invasion so far is nothing but a dismal failure.—Reuter.

## BELFAST WAR GIFT

Amongst recent money gifts for the purchase of aircraft is one of £84,000 sent through the Belfast "Telegraph" from the people of Northern Ireland.

Two gifts of ten shillings each have also been received, one coming from children of an orphan home and the other from convicts in Parkhurst Prison.—British Wireless.

## LAVAL'S LONG TALK WITH SUNER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, had a lengthy conversation with Senor Serrano Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, when the latter passed through Vichy on his way to Berlin, says a communique issued by the Spanish Embassy yesterday.—Havas.

## JUNK ADRIFT

Described as being dangerous to navigation, a medium-sized junk was reported floating some 50 miles east of Hong Kong at 3.50 p.m. yesterday.

The report was made to the Harbour Office by the master of the s.s. Liangchow.

The position given was Lat. 22 degrees, 24 mins. 45 secs. North; Long. 115 degrees, 02 mins. 30 secs.

## Woman Given 3 Years

At the Criminal Sessions this morning Chan Mui, a woman, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by Sir Atholl MacGregor for possession of 37,500 heroin pills.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, prosecuting, described a raid on October 9, at 2.30 p.m. by a party of revenue officers at No. 122, Jaffe Road, first floor.

The lock of a suit case was forced open and 75 packets containing the pills were found.

The keys were found when accused was observed fumbling at the window-sill.

Making a statement from the dock accused said she had come from the country and her brother-in-law had taken her to Jaffe Road. The two packages belonged to him. She asked what the contents were and was told clothing.

When her brother-in-law left, he left the keys behind. She had gone after him but he told her to keep them.

She was found guilty by the jury.

## IS ANYONE SAFE ANY WHERE IN SHANGHAI?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Wounded by a bullet fired by a member of the Japanese naval landing party in Shanghai on Saturday, a Chinese woman died yesterday. The sentry was holding the rifle at his hip when he accidentally discharged it.—Havas.

### "Safety First!"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A "safety first" campaign is being started to-day for the second time in the history of Shanghai by the traffic authorities of the International Settlement and French Concession. All radio stations will give short instructive talks; theatres will give screenings and special guides will teach pedestrians how to cross streets.—Havas.

### Hongkew Tension

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The tension which prevailed in the Hongkew area of Shanghai on Saturday following the shooting of a Japanese sergeant-major continued yesterday with passage into Hongkew restricted to the Garden Bridge and Chapoo Road Bridge. The Japanese authorities ceased the search of pedestrians which was in rigorous force on Saturday but bluejackets did not relax their vigilance.—Havas.

## RATIO OF 12 TO 1

Sixty-four German and 13 Italian planes were shot down over Britain during the week ending midnight on November 16.

In the same period six British fighters were lost but the pilots of three are safe.

Detailed figures were:—

	German	British
No. 10	—	—
" 11	12	2
	(and 13 Italian)	
" 12	1	—
" 13	6	—
" 14	21	2
	(both pilots safe)	
" 15	23	2
	(one pilot safe)	
" 16	1	—

—Reuter.



## A HA'PORTH OF TAR

"Steward, there's tar on my dinner jacket."

"Yessir. Off the rigging, Sir. We told you it was wet, Sir, but you wouldn't take no notice. Up you went like a two-year-old."

"I see. And what did I do next?"

"You sang some songs, Sir. Greatly appreciated they was. Some of the crew asked me if you'd be so good as to write out the words."

"I'll have to think about that, Steward. So altogether it was a pretty matcy night?"

"There's been nothing like it on the South China Sea, Sir, since the Purser

won the Irish Sweep. All the other gentlemen are confined to their bunks, Sir. They say it was the lobster mayonnaise."

"Lobster grandmother! Why didn't they stick to gin and Rose's as I did? I haven't got a hangover."

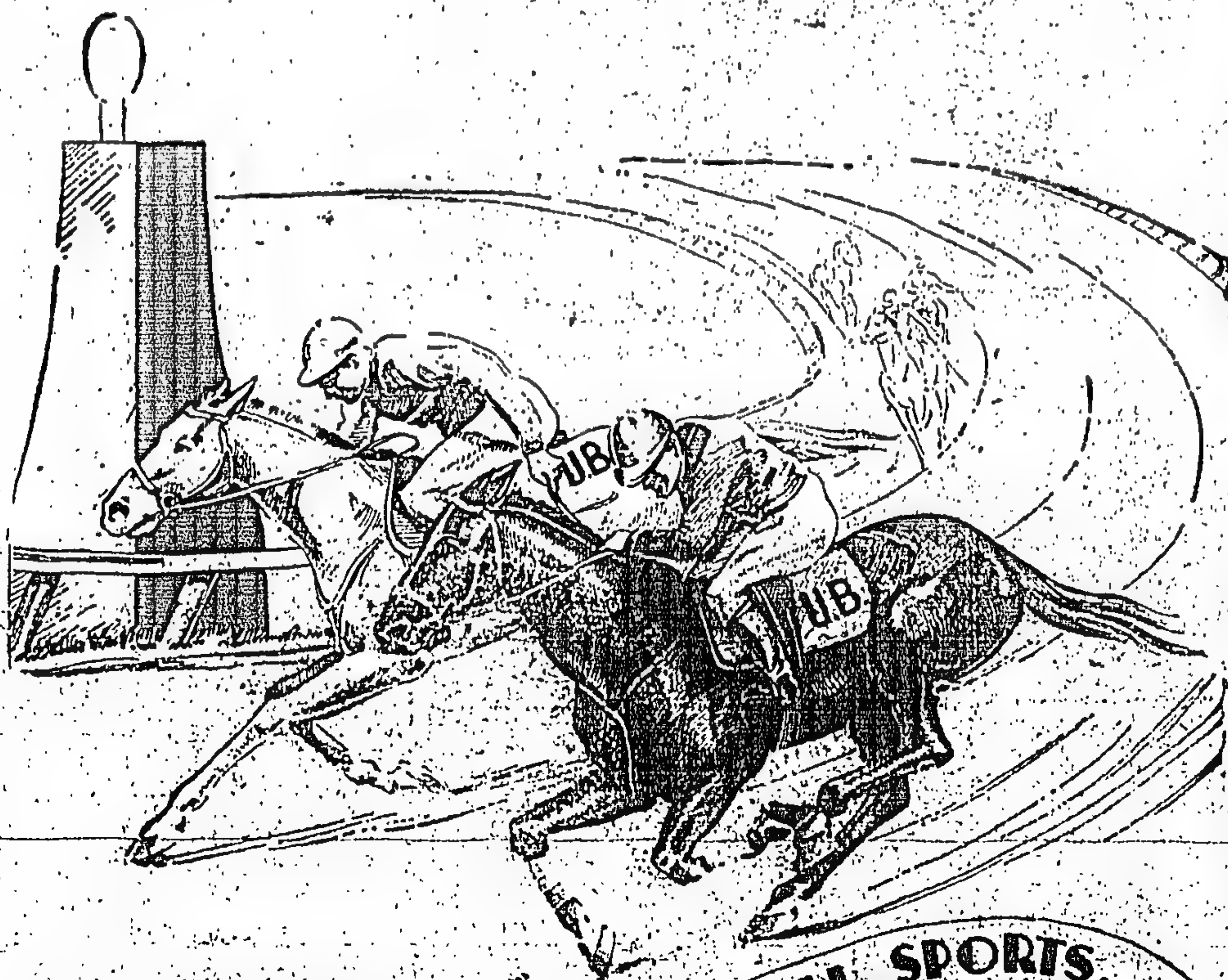
"You're not the first gentleman I've heard say that about Rose's Lime Juice. Not by a long chalk."

"Good. And now I think I could do with an eye-opener — a nice stiff gin and Rose's. I suppose the sun is over the yardarm?"

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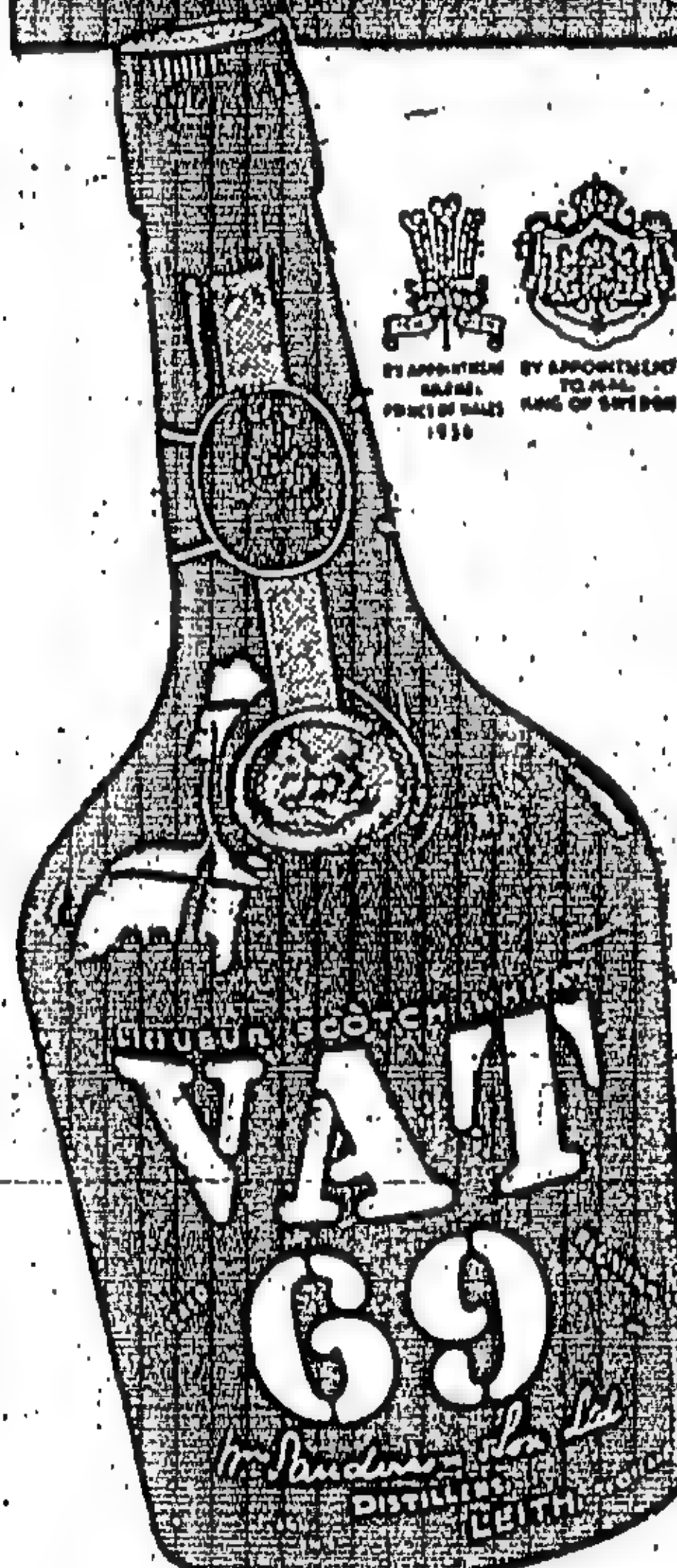
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## BRIDGE NOTES

### Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 18

#### By The Four Aces

Here's a different type of "crime" hand for our sleuths:

West, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 5 2  
♥ K J 9 3  
♦ J 10 7 4  
♣ 8 3

♠ 7 4  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ A Q 7 6 4

N  
W  
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♠ A  
♥ 10 6 5 2  
♦ A 9 5 3  
♣ J 10 9 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 6 3  
♥ A Q  
♦ K Q  
♣ K 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the eight of hearts, South winning with the Ace. Declarer then led the Queen of trumps; and East took the spade Ace and shifted to the Jack of clubs. South put up the King, and West took two club tricks. Then a diamond shift gave East the setting trick.

Probably you see what the trouble was—but was it a crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

The loss of the contract was a crime, and South was the criminal. It should have been clear to him that the contract depended on whether or not he lost two club tricks. Obviously, as the cards happened to lie, South could have returned the heart Queen, at the second trick, overtaking with dummy's heart King. Then the heart Jack would allow South to discard a club before the opponents could regain the lead.

The actual South player maintained that it was too dangerous to try out three rounds of hearts before drawing trumps; also that so risky a play was unnecessary if East had the club Ace—an even chance. But it was better than an even chance that three hearts would go through safely. Furthermore, if East ruffed, South could over-ruff and then take his chances on the clubs. Finally, even if West ruffed, he might have to ruff with the trump Ace.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 6 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 5 4  
♣ K 4 3 2

The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken Miler You  
1♠ 2♥ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. You are not fond of the contract but are much too weak to attempt a rescue. Score 100% for pass, 20% for two no-trump.

### Question No. 567

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 5 2  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ A Q 10 3 2  
♣ K 7 6

The bidding:  
Schenken Jacoby Miler You  
1♠ 2♥ Pass (?)  
What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## TRAWLER SAVES BRITISH AIRMEN

The Aberdeen trawler Sophos (skipper George Leeper) rescued four British airmen off the West Coast of Scotland. Their Coastal Command plane had run out of petrol and made a forced landing.

The four airmen were hanging to the top of their machine with the sea breaking over them when the Sophos came along.



If the gay young blade wants to burn his date up he should rave about her "dreamy" eyes at the end of a long evening of dancing.

## NAZI BOMBERS POOR MARKSMEN

THIS MESSAGE APPEARED RECENTLY IN THE NEW YORK DAILY PAPERS.

By DREW MIDDLETON,  
Associated Press War Correspondent

With the British Army Southern Command.

Three days' travel through military and naval areas which Germans have been bombing nightly revealed that their bombs had done no damage to military objectives which would hinder Britain's war effort, have not shaken the faith in their ability to stick it out among soldiers and civilians, and have aroused considerable contempt for German marksmanship.

Here is the extent of the damage I have personally seen—and officers allowed me to go where I wished.

A machine shop where recruits are taught to use tooling machines. Two machines damaged, shop partially demolished, but now well on way to reconstruction. No casualties.

The fronts of two civilian houses smashed in. No casualties.

One Vicar, aged 85, and his house-keeper, aged 63, shaken up by two bombs which fell near his home miles from any military objective. The vicar's life was saved by a four-poster bed which held off falling ceiling.

Wing of old folks' home hit by a bomb. Twelve sick and ailing old people killed. The home was a considerable distance from any military objective.

## LESSONS OF THE RAIDS

The most vigorous German air raids of the war are the only subject on the Home Front. The subject, one gathers, is likely to be topical for some time, and in harassed, but far from unhappy, London, and throughout the provinces, people are collecting air-raid advice.

Here are some of the things that have been noted:—

**Glass in Shops.**—Broken glass is the great danger to food supplies in retail shops. Lord Woolton, saying that he was surprised at the way in which splinters of glass had pierced cans of food, described it as important that wholesalers, caterers, and grocers should not put their stocks where they were likely to be damaged.

**Water.**—The Metropolitan Water Board has urged on all consumers within its area the need for the strictest economy in all forms of water consumption. Less must be used for baths, washing up, and the garden. It is good, though, to keep a supply in a bath or bucket which can be drawn upon when the main supply is out of action.

**Railways.**—Unnecessary traffic to and from London is to be discouraged. Travel on business—not on pleasure.

**Telephones.**—Unless it is absolutely necessary, no one should use the telephone during a raid.

**Flying Glass.**—One in every five cases of air-raid injury in Britain has been caused by glass. Curtains and blinds do little to prevent glass flying, but there are several good ways of protecting windows. By day a fine-meshed wire netting will stop all but a few small pieces of glass, and by night the experts recommend a strong black-out screen covered with building boards or plywood.

**Gas.**—It is well to turn off the main before you go to bed. This prevents explosion between the main and the taps. Alternative heating should be arranged.

**Electricity.**—If an incendiary bomb falls on the house, turn the electricity current off. It is not necessary to do so otherwise. Naturally it is well to keep a few candles or night lights for emergency.

**Torches.**—The Ministry of Home Security states that, during black-out hours, torches may be used only if dimmed by two thicknesses of tissue paper or thicknesses of tissue paper or the equivalent. They must be directed downwards, and extinguished immediately the air-raid warning sounds.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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"Butch promised not to cut his hair until they win a game!"

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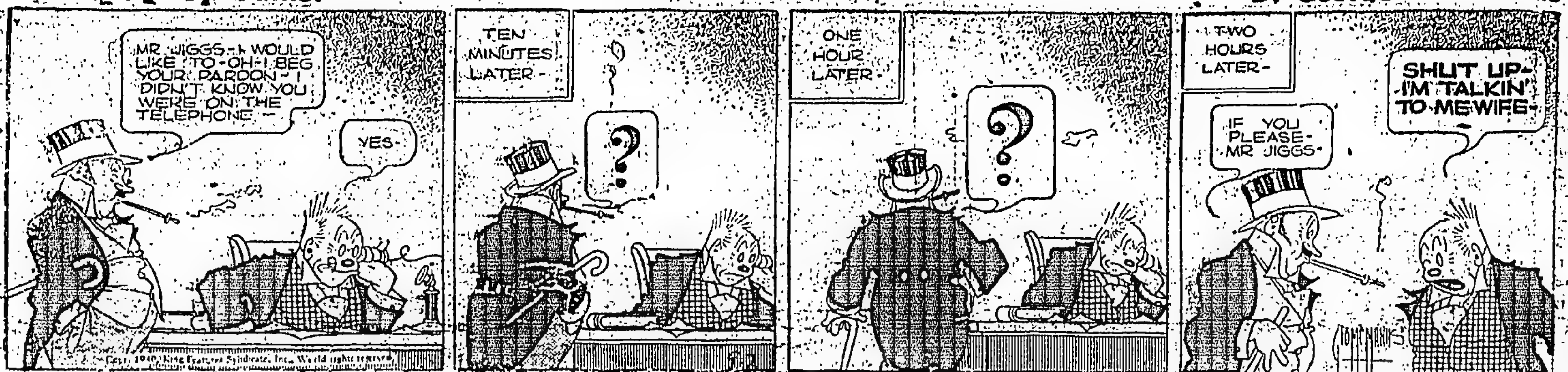
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

### One Day In Ten Liquid Day

Women and girls should realise that more harm comes from eating when they are fatigued than from not eating at all. One physician gives this common sense advice to us:

"Never eat if you are in a hurry, if you are nervous, or if you are angry. Do not eat if you are terribly worried or tired. Try to observe common sense rules in your eating habits. You should accept eating as you accept doing your own particular work. It should be done artistically, thoroughly and willingly."

The old-fashioned notion that you must stuff yourself daily with meat and potatoes and pie has done great harm. Now we learn that we can get along nicely without any meat at all, that we should eat much of our vegetables and fruit raw, and that it is actually good for us to take only liquid food for an entire day once in a while.

#### Drink Your Meals

If you are very fatigued, or feel sort of "dragged out" eat lightly. Drink your meals. Vegetable juices, fruit juices, milk, clear vegetable broths. Whenever you feel hungry, drink one of these. In fact, one famous nutritionist suggests that we take an eight-ounce glass of liquid nourishment each hour if we are very hungry. If we are not hungry, then a glass every two hours is sufficient to get along on. It is surprising how well one can rest after a "liquid diet" for a day. We are advised that we would benefit by such a day in every ten.

#### The Logic Of It

Even though you have no desire or need to reduce, a liquid day gives your body a rest. Of course the amount of liquid food you take depends entirely upon what you must do during the day.



Bille Burke, most youthful and talented grandmother, keeps youthfully alert and alert by eating scientifically. She urges women to do likewise.

If your duties are light, you can drink nothing but citrus fruit juice, such as lemon juice, orange-

juice, lime juice, unsweetened pineapple juice and fresh grapefruit juice. If the pangs of hunger get too great, you are allowed a handful of raisins. There are sufficient vitamins in such a programme to keep you alert.

#### Programme For Beauty

Here is an odd programme which you might follow for beauty:

One day every ten live on nothing but fruit juices.

Have meat only one day a week. Do not smoke or drink intoxicating liquors, or coffee.

Drink raw milk, or herb teas.

Eat fruit and vegetable salads at lunchtime, and have at least one pint of citrus fruit juice for breakfast.

Drink twelve glasses of water a day.

Calisthenics every morning and night.

Take plenty of fresh air, baths, cold showers (if you can).

Eat a normal dinner of vegetables, whole grain muffins, and fruit for dessert. Take any vegetable or fruit soup.

Drink a glass of orange juice before going to bed.

the valley.

Now snatch up your fresh white gloves and your handbag and run!

You look as if you had stepped out of a handbox just for his date.

If flowers are sold on your corner, buy one and wear it. It's a good idea to let most men know that you "simply adore flowers."

For that gives them an excuse for sending you some to say for them a few things they are too shy to say when they are with you!

#### The Final Fillip

Now your perfume. Don't go too Heddy Lamarish. Select fragrance which might remind them of yours that there still are lilacs in the country or lilacs of

## Glamour In Fifteen Minutes

With one eye on the clock as the hands move to 5 p.m., and with the last vehement click of the typewriter, you're through for the day! In half an hour you have a date, which may mean the difference between a continuous 9-to-5 grind or a lifetime of loving care!

Your immediate problem is how to banish that completely washed-out feeling and face your beau looking like a carefree glamour-girl. The fact that you earn your living does not excuse you for looking like an office slave instead of the bright-eyed beautiful girl he yearns to see! So be quick, scamper to the powder room with your cosmetic aids, and get busy.

#### Your Weapons

Keep in your desk drawer, among other aids, a box of compact washcloths, discs of hygienic cotton, a bar of good soap and a bottle of friction lotion.

Pin back your hair, slip off your dress. Wash your face, neck, and underarms with soap and water and then briskly rub all exposed skin with the friction lotion. This serves as a mild deodorant and if you choose one with a fresh citrus fragrance you will feel almost as refreshed as if you had just lingered under the shower.

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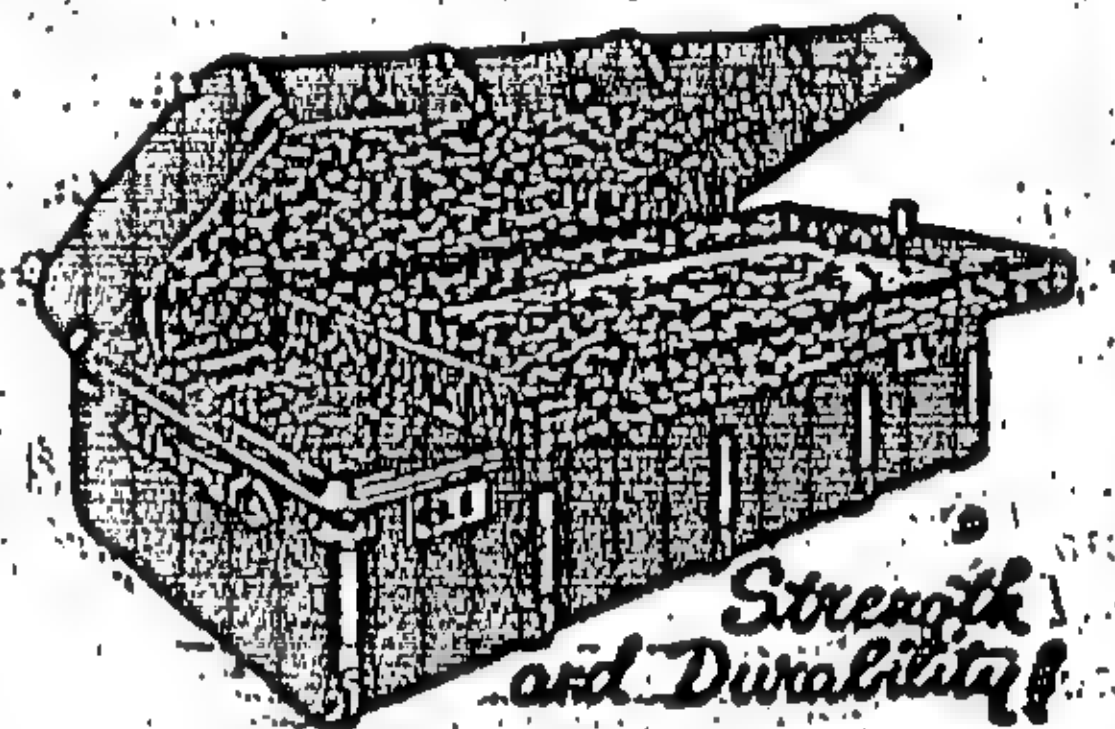
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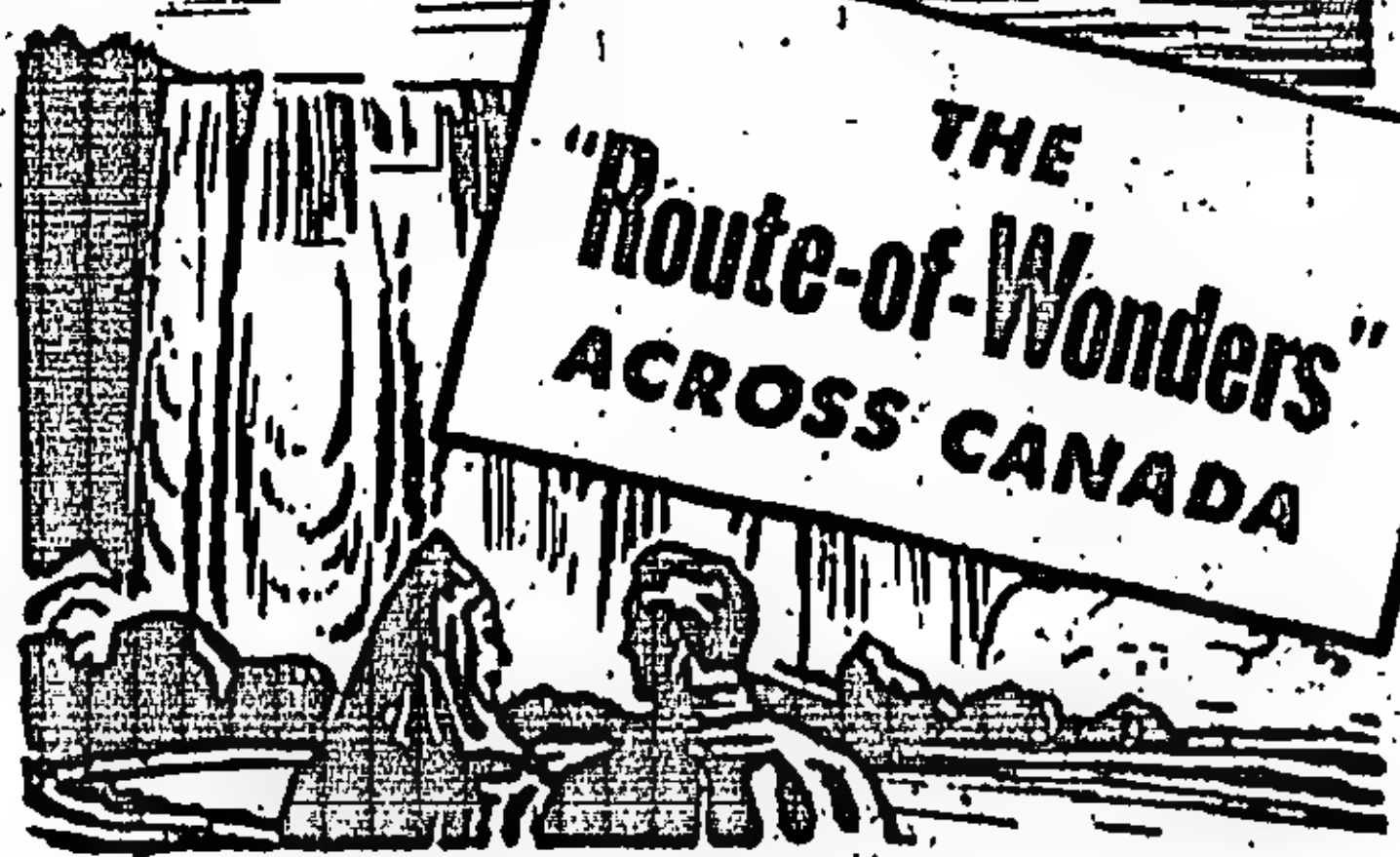
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1.25 p.m.—Piano Duet.

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Alfred Campbell and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—Variety with Gloria Grafton, Turner Layton, James Melton, Hughie Green and His Gang, Baldwin and Howard, Harry Tate, and Reginald Dixon.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Harry Davidson at the Organ.

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8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Variety: "Hi Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Commentaries.

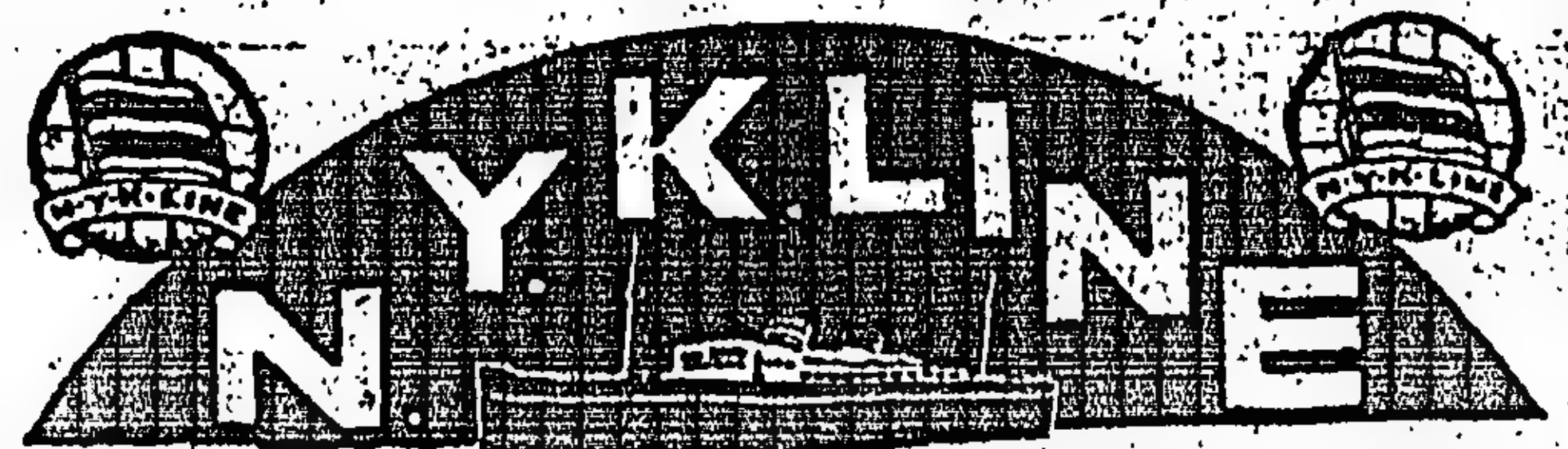
9.30 p.m.—Haydn—Quartet in E Major, Op. 64, No. 3.

9.45 p.m.—Songs from Oratorios.

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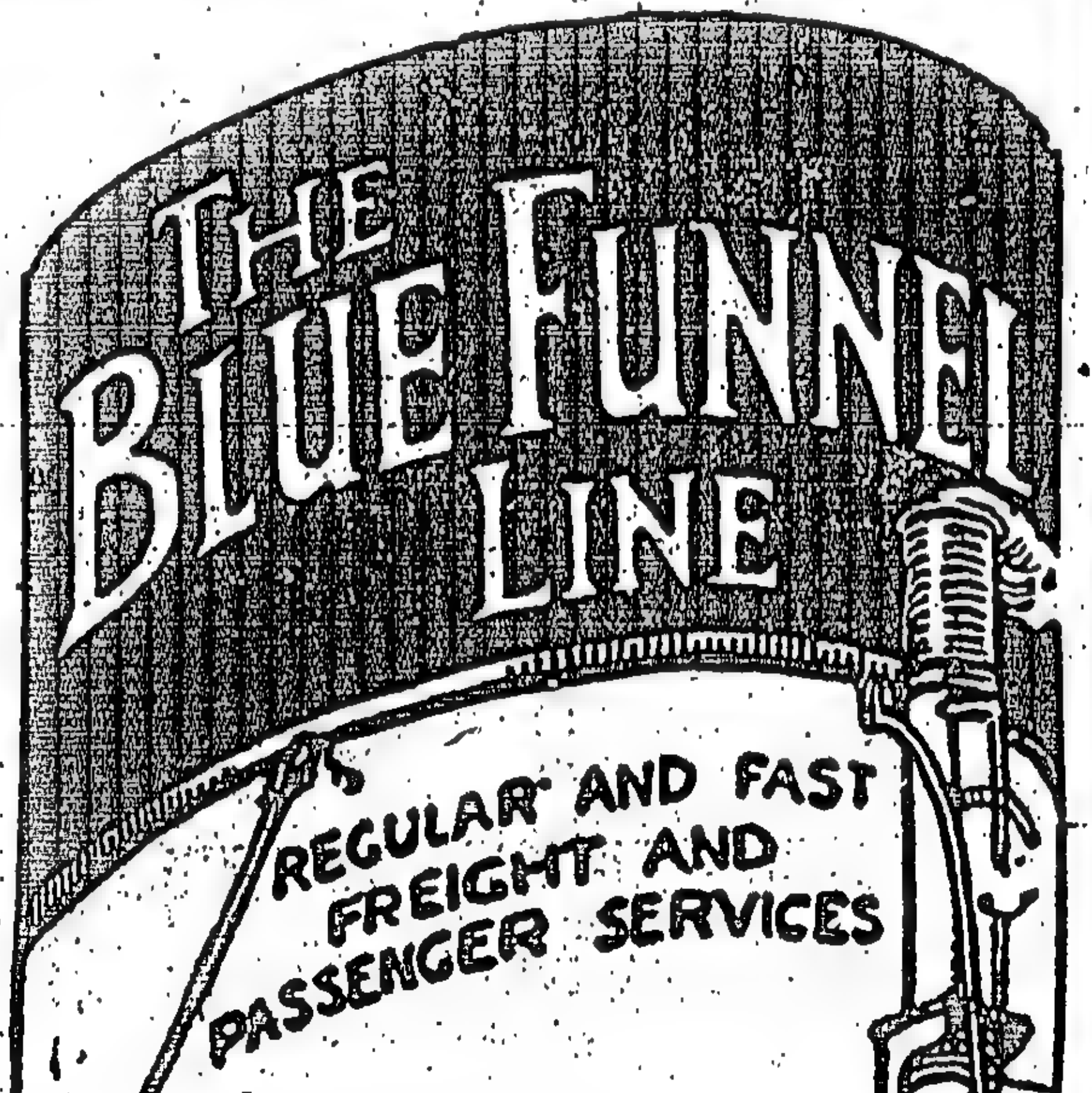
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## LEAGUE HOCKEY

Several matches in the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament were played yesterday with the following results:—

Recreio "A" beat A. N. Other XI 3-0 at King's Park. Scorers:—H. L. Osozio, J. Fonseca and F. X. Sequeira.

Police "A" beat C.B.A. 2-1. Scorers:—Howett, Jasbir Singh; T. Whitley.

Khalsa beat University 7-0. Scorers:—Awtar Singh (5), Guest, Kirindar Singh.

5th A.A. "A" beat 5th A.A. "B" 2-1. Scorers:—Hazara Singh, Abdul Dinar; McCadden.

Gunboats beat M.T.B.'s 3-1. Scorers:—Gemme (2), Collard; Hall.

Police "B" beat Destroyers 3-0. Scorers:—Chanan Singh (2), Nawar Singh.

## GOOD WIN FOR ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's Society had a good, and in the end, a comfortable golf win over St. Andrew's Society in the annual match played at Fanling yesterday.

Highlights of the morning's play were the victories of Frank Hunter over O.E.C. Marton, and K. S. Robertson over Alec Pearce; the Colony champion.

"Lollie" Goldman shot an excellent 74 and thoroughly trounced his opponent, while Ian Shewan made a reappearance as a last-minute substitute for his namesake but lack of practice had a bad effect and H. F. Phillips won comfortably by 6 and 5.

The lower men of St. George's scored notable wins and the sides went to tiffin with St. George's 13 points to the good.

### Afternoon Recovery For Scots

In the afternoon the leading four ball produced brilliant play and when the St. Andrew's couple finished 2 holes up, the best ball scores were 64 for the four, and 66 for the Scottish pair, with Hunter having an individual 68.

In the second four ball play was keen but not so brilliant and St. George's found themselves 2 up and 5 to go, but a fighting finish of 3 4 4 saw the game squared on the last putt.

In the succeeding games St. Andrew's almost cleared off the morning's arrears but again the extreme tall was lifeless and St. George's finished well ahead in a most enjoyable game played under ideal conditions.

## TOC. H. THANKS

Sir,—The proceeds of "Vaudefun," in aid of Toc H at Home, amounted to the satisfactory total of \$457.00.

We should like to thank the public warmly for again supporting our cause. We are particularly grateful to David Kossick and his excellent amateur company for achieving a show which gained praise from everyone who saw it. With his prudent management, too, Mr. Kossick succeeded in reducing expenses to a minimum without impairing the entertainment in any way.

Our thanks are also due to Messrs. Millington and Co. for their kind help in advertising, and to the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Section and Far East Motors Ltd., for the loan of properties. For free use of the West Lounge Theatre, we are indebted to the Y.M.C.A.

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Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch:—

Previously Acknowledged \$100; \$605,298.20. "Patricia" \$200; Eastern Sanitary Office \$5; Some of the Chinese Staff of Wilkinson & Grist (October) \$15.50; Mrs. Hogg \$2; D. G. Day (Monthly) \$15; A. H. Guinness (Monthly) \$20; A. M. Kennedy (Monthly) \$30; D. S. Clark \$50; Joseph Prentice \$25; Sale of Two C.H.S.S. Badges per Mrs. H. F. Phillips \$2; Sales of Two C.H.S.S. Badges per Mrs. A. H. Potts \$5; Sale of Two C.H.S.S. Badges per Mrs. Mackintosh \$1; Entertainment Committee Dance Hong Kong Hotel \$300; Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Hall \$50; The Lawn Bowls Sweep (Purchase of Mobile Canteens) \$1,026; Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Horden (Monthly) \$10; L. E. N. Ryan \$100; L. Blair (Monthly) \$10; Richard Hancock \$25; and Anonymous \$6.47. Total \$607,192.17.

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## Cook Boy Accused

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, THIS MORNING, WONG NGAU, A COOK, EMPLOYED AT NO. 29, CONDUIT ROAD, WAS CHARGED WITH WOUNDING NG SAM-YAU, COOK, AND NG CHIN-TIM, HOUSE BOY, WITH INTENT.

Mr. J. P. Murphy conducted the prosecution, and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. H. Reid, Chan Tse-king A. M. Alves, J. Brownley, Chan Tsun-hung, M. P. Madar and Young Po-she.

Mr. Reynolds said accused was employed as No. 2 cook at No. 29 Conduit Road, Ng Sam-yau was third cook and Ng Chin-tin, was his brother and the house boy.

At about 5 a.m. on September 21, Ng Sam-yau was in the kitchen attending to vegetables. Accused asked him why he was not chopping firewood for the morning meal. Words were exchanged and accused told Ng Sam-yau to go and die and threatened to fight him. After further altercation, Ng Sam-yau told accused that since he was so fond of using the words he had better go and die himself.

Ng Sam-yau went on with his work but suddenly accused came from behind with a chopper and hit him on the head, neck and shoulder. Hearing shouts, Ng Chin-tin came into the kitchen armed with a bamboo pole with which he hit accused in an attempt to disarm him. In doing so, he fell and the pole was caught by accused, who hit him.

Accused then ran away and was seen with two choppers. Others saw the attack but made no effort to chase him.

On the following morning, accused returned to the house and told the watchman: "I have come back; you can arrest me."

The case is proceeding.

## BAD CHARACTER WITH BAD TEMPER

Tai Keng-ping, 23, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Gould this morning, for assault.

Sergeant Pockson said a young apprentice, who went to visit defendant's brother on June 21, sat on the defendant's bed while waiting. Tai turned up in a bad temper and abused the apprentice for sitting on his bed. A quarrel started and defendant injured the complainant with a chopper. He was at the Queen Mary Hospital for 19 days.

Defendant ran away and was arrested only a few days ago. He was known as a bad character in the Bay View district.

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VOLUNTEER BOWLS

# ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNERS WIN "CHINA MAIL" CUP

## Unexpected Victory Over Army Service Corps Team

### Wind-Up Of Most Successful Tournament

CONTRARY TO GENERAL EXPECTATIONS FIFTH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY BEAT ARMY SERVICE CORPS "A" IN THE FINAL OF THE VOLUNTEER INTER-UNIT LAWN BOWLS COMPETITION AT KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB YESTERDAY, AND THUS BECAME THE FIRST HOLDERS OF "THE CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP.

Composed entirely of members of the Taikoo Club Second Division League team, the Anti-Aircraft gunners have done extremely well, having beaten some of the strongest combinations in the Colony—notably No. 6 Company "A"—and they are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

In ideal weather and under perfect conditions, the match was watched by a large crowd, which included Col. H. B. Ross, Commandant of the Corps, who presented the cup and souvenirs to the winning team after the game, and officials of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association and Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

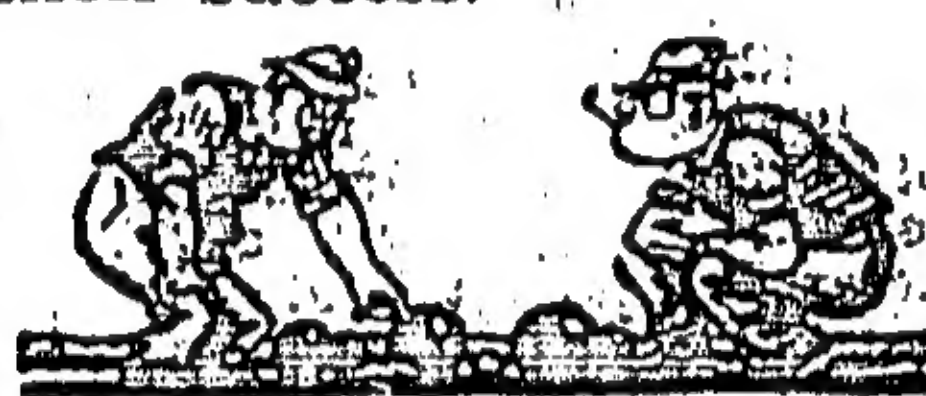
#### A.S.C. Draw First Blood

The favourites—A.S.C. "A"—drew first blood. Bowling confidently they scored at the first three heads, when they chalked up 113 to lead 5-0. The Anti-Aircraft gunners then recovered somewhat, but until the 12th head A.S.C. were always the better team. A three at the 13th head started the Gunners' recovery, and a further three two heads later placed them on level terms. Thereafter they improved consistently and a five at the 19th head, which gave them a four-shot lead, placed them in a winning position and they did not relinquish it.

Cullen and Melrose, the leads, were not at their best but Main and Hyde were both in magnificent form, and sent up some splendid woods, Keown completely outbowled Meyer, who was off form.

Chalmers started badly, but a splendid drive in the latter stages, which brought a count of three, restored his confidence and he played an inspired game for the rest of the match.

The tournament just concluded has been an outstanding success, and there is little doubt that the Volunteer Lawn Bowls Competition will be one of the most enjoyable features of future seasons.



38 Rinks Took Part

Before asking the Commandant to present the trophy and souvenirs to the winners, Capt. A. W. Brown, Chairman of the Volunteers Bowls Committee, said that 38 rinks entered the tournament, which represented over 152 players, including substitutes, and expressed the hope that 83 rinks would enter for the 1941 competition.

He paid a warm tribute to the hard work put in by Sgt. Meyer, and was pleased to report that the tournament had proved an unqualified success, mainly due to the cooperation of the various clubs in allowing their greens to be used for these games.

The contribution from the Tournament to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund had been \$190 (38 teams at \$5 each), and \$50, which was collected during yesterday's final.

Col. Ross said that the Tournament had fulfilled its purpose, that of getting different units together and so promoting esprit de corps. He also voiced his appreciation of the cooperation shown by the various clubs and of the hard work done by Capt. Brown's Committee.

The Cup was later filled in traditional manner and taken round the Clubhouse.

### GOSANO FAMILY SHINE

The Gosano family were very prominent for the Volunteers in their friendly cricket match at Happy Valley yesterday against Craigengower Cricket Club and their efforts were mainly responsible for the Volunteers' win.

G. N. Gosano played a polished innings of 57, retired when the visitors appeared likely to be skittled out for less than 100, Anderson lending good support with a hard-hit 49, which included 22 in one over of Mitchell's. Left-handed L. G. Gosano, backed by good catching, took 8 for 22. Prior to his last over his figures were 7 for 10 but Mitchell then hooked him for three fours before he succumbed.

Billimoria and Hulse bowled magnificently for Craigengower but atrocious catching let them down badly. Most successful batsman was A. J. Hulse but Norman Broadbridge played a valuable defensive innings of 18.

**VOLUNTEERS**

D. O. Parsons, c Hulse, b Billimoria	3
L. G. Gosano, c Hong Sling, b Billimoria	23
F. R. Zimmermann, c Broadbridge, b Hulse	0
G. N. Gosano, retired	57
L. T. Ride, b Billimoria	5
N. A. E. Mackay, b Billimoria	0
D. J. N. Anderson, c Billimoria, b Ismail	49
N. D. Bopker, not out	12
A. Zimmermann, not out	20
Extras (B4, LB1)	5

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 174  
D. G. Day and R. S. Gill did not bat.

**Bowling Analysis**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	9	0	55	1
Billimoria	9	1	35	4
A. K. Ismail	6	0	40	1
Mitchell	1	0	22	0
Way	1	0	3	0
Ramchand	1	0	14	0

**CRAIGENGOWER C.C.**

E. Zimmermann, c Bopker, b Zimmermann	16
N. Broadbridge, c L. G. Gosano, b L. G. Gosano	18
A. Hulse, c and b L. G. Gosano	15
A. J. Hulse, c and b Anderson	21
W. K. Way, c Parsons, b L. G. Gosano	2
S. Ramchand, c Parsons, b L. G. Gosano	2
G. N. Gosano	7
A. K. Ismail, b L. G. Gosano	7
W. Hong Sling, b L. G. Gosano	0
T. Lock, c and b L. G. Gosano	0
E. J. Mitchell, c Zimmermann, b	0

### Impressions From Saturday's Rugger Games

#### By "Scrum-Half"

Army, providing they are not depleted by transfers or injuries, appear almost certain to win the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament.

On Saturday they gave Club a terrible beating, and they were worth every one of their 20 points. Club scored three, and they were lucky to break their back.

Ford's brilliant kicking has made a world of difference to Army, and they have what must be their strongest back division in years. Two positions are giving trouble, however. The full-back position and that of scrum-half.

Clague was given no test on Saturday, but the little he had to do gave reason to believe that he can be improved on—Club's lucky try was due to his bungling. Army have tried several players there—Moxham, Otway, Ford and Berry—and are not yet satisfied.

Macdonald seems to be the most promising, though he would be out of position. He is fast, safe in his handling and fair in his tackling. On Saturday he was the outstanding back on the field, and with Hook to come back into the side, the experiment might be worth while.

#### Not Above Average

Wedderburn was given an easy time by the Club wing-forwards on Saturday, but he never at any time impressed as a scrum-half above the average. He is certainly no better than Foley, who is extremely dangerous five yards from the opposing line.

Not having had much opportunity of seeing Army units in action, I am unable to offer any real concrete suggestion, but I have been told that the Gunners' scrum-half, Dobbinson, is as promising as any.

L. G. Gosano	19
P. J. Billimoria, not out	1
Extras (B26)	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

**Bowling Analysis**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmermann	8	1	52	1
Gill	3	0	10	0
Day	3	0	7	0
L. G. Gosano	5.7	0	22	8
Anderson	2	0	10	1

If this is so, he and Hook (also of the Gunners) should combine very nicely.

Marsh has improved his tackling and is fast becoming a first class winger, but Coombes is a problem. He is extremely dangerous to both sides—to his own side by his fits of selfishness and to his opponents as the result of his deceptive run and a very keen eye for an opening. Many potential Army back movements were held up at the source on Saturday when Coombes was grassed in possession.

Army have upset Club by their put ahead tactics. On Saturday they caught the Club backs on the wrong foot time and again, while Richards distinguished himself with some really clever bits of dribbling, cross-kicking to advantage with supreme confidence.

Berry was missed at forward, and with his inclusion the Army pack is unlikely to be bettered by Selectors or opponents.

#### Bowden's Return

Bowden made a welcome return to the Navy team, substituting for McGill. He has had a shoulder injury, but he showed no signs of it on Saturday, giving an excellent display.

Paul has gone off this season and is inclined to be selfish. What's gone wrong with his kicking? Watson has always been recognised as the best place-kicker Club have had for some time, but Paul too was acknowledged at one time to be his equal. On Saturday Watson turned down a penalty kick from the touch line, and so did Paul!

Carter and Rutherford are working up a fine understanding, and Carter is playing better than ever, though he will need to watch that he does not overdo the punt ahead.

Honeywill is quite a "find" at full-back and looks to be the best substitute Navy can find for Stevens.

#### Many Police Problems

Police have gone all to pieces. The loss of Wilson, Luscombe, Fay and Searle has been a bitter blow, and they apparently have no young blood coming on.

The scrum-half problem is the greatest one of their many problems. Lealie and Morrison will not do.

### KOWLOON GOLF CLUB RESULTS

The Kowloon Golf Club's 36-hole Medal Play Championship held yesterday resulted in a tie for first place between S. Tomlinson and R. K. Collings, both returning a score of 167. W. Kershaw was third with 172, followed by A. J. Dennis with 173 and T. B. Low with 175.

Results of the first round of the Junior Championship were: G. B. Frost beat L. Sykes, W. C. Hung beat J. Coles, H. J. Grose beat J. R. Humble, R. Miller beat S. J. Remedios, T. Henderson beat E. C. Fincher, and A. G. Butterfield beat W. Groves.

Thanks to a fine effort by Parsons' rink, K.C.C. had a comfortable win.

Howard, playing in the unaccustomed role of skip, being the only visitor to win.

As at the K.C.C. recently, the "Over Forties" of K.B.G.C. proved too good for the "Youngsters." Who was it said that bowls is no longer an "old man's game?"

## SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

**NAVY** beat Police decisively in the first match of the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, winning by 20 pts. to nil after an interval lead of 11-0. Unless

**Rugby.** Police can produce a higher standard they will certainly receive the wooden spoon.

Club and Army, who meet on November 30 in the Tournament, provided a one-sided match, Army again winning, this time by 20 pts. to 3. Unless something unforeseen happens Army look certain winners of the Quadrangular Tournament.

**MIDDLESEX** were definitely the better team in their match against Sing Tao, but still had to admit defeat to the tune of 3 goals to 1. The "Diehards" had very bad luck in front of goal several of their parting shots

**Soccer** hitting the bar, going just wide or above Cheung Wing-choi's brilliant display in goal saved Sing Tao.

Kowloon, who were without the services of Williamson for some time, were good enough to beat Police.

In Second Division, Middlesex were fully extended by 30th R.A. and International, without the services of several players on Volunteer duties, took things too easily against 20th Battery R.A.

and lost by 5 goals to 1. This defeat makes the championship struggle easier for Air Force.

**Cricket** In most of Saturday's matches, batsmen were rather better than the bowlers and some fairly high scores were registered, best being Francis

Lay's 80 for K.C.C. juniors against Civil Service.

Best bowling feat was Emmerson's 6 for 17 for Mr. Fergus' eleven against Craigengower Cricket Club.

Following were the leading performances—

**BATTING**

F. J. Lay	80
L. G. Gosano	68
H. Owen Hughes	61
J. E. Richardson	60
T. G. C. Knight	49
L/Col. Stonor	42
A. Zimmermann	38
A. M. Rodrigues	38
W. A. Reed	34
R. H. Griffiths	34
Blount	32
A. Hulse	32
C. Huang	32
A. J. Hulse	30

**BOWLING**

Emmerson	6 for 17
A. J. Hulse	6 for 23
R. Baldwin	6 for 26
Bloom	5 for 17
J. Macaulay	4 for 14
N. Whitley	4 for 34

**ANNOUNCEMENT** just before the race that Burford would not be starting owing to the recurrence of its lameness proved exceedingly disappointing to racing fans on Saturday. A keen

**Racing** race had been envisaged between Burford and O-Lan.

There was, however, a good tussle between the latter and Dupont Bay, Dupont Bay leading for three-quarters of the course, only for O-Lan to exert itself on coming into the straight and win by a short head.

Mr. Donald Black was in great form and rode four winners in six starts.

**TWO** ladies' hockey matches were played on Saturday to again emphasize that this branch of local sports is far from dead. Diocesan Schoolgirls did exceedingly well to beat the Argonauts, holders of the Brawn Cup, while St. Andrew's were

**Hockey** much too good for Recreio, their latest recruit, Miss Birchall netting twice.

**A FRIENDLY** lawn bowls match was played at K.C.C. between a strong home team and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association.

#### The Score

5TH A.A. BTRY. A.S.C. COY "A"  
L/Bdr. W. Melrose Cpl. F. Cullen  
Gnr. R. Main Sgt. W. Hyde  
Gnr. R. M. Keown Sgt. J. G. Meyer  
Gnr. J. C. Chalmers Pte. E. Kern  
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## SOCCER

## EASTERN LED BY KWONG WAH WIN MATCH BY 2-1

## HAU CHING-TO PLAYS WELL

By "Sportshawk"

HELPED BY a penalty goal soon after the interval, which enabled them to equalise, Eastern thereafter had matters in their hands and eventually beat Kwong Wah by the odd goal in five in their First Division football encounter, which was played at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. Kwong Wah were leading 2-1 at the end of the first half.

With a fast forward line, strongly supported by their halves, throughout the first period in which they were definitely on top form, Kwong Wah have reason to be fully satisfied with their play and were generally considered to have played their best game of the season.

Kwong Wah, however, appeared demoralised by the penalty goal in the second half.

Eastern played carelessly in the first half, but, on the resumption, fully demonstrated their superiority to secure both points.

Although he was severely tested and twice beaten in the opening half, Lau Hin-hon played a good game between the sticks for Eastern but Kong Shing-king, right-back, only came into the picture on the resumption. Kong was, however, the mainstay of the defence and staged numerous powerful clearances, especially in the latter period.

Hsu King-sing, the pivot, was a great spoiler but he was inclined to clear with high kicks instead of keeping the ball along the ground. S. C. Liu held his own well in the right-half berth.

## Hau In Form

Outstanding player on the field was undoubtedly Hau

## RAMSEY IN K.C.C. FINAL

Following are the latest Club lawn bowls tournament results:

## KOWLOON BOWLING G.C.

## Club Championship

Second Round:—W. G. Hodder beat H. Patrick; Third Round:—J. McKelvie beat L. Sykes.

## Vice-President's Cup

Second Round:—E. A. Atkins beat A. Morton; J. Fraser beat D. W. Water-ton.

## President's Cup

Second Round:—A. J. Hall beat Payne; H. White beat T. Coleman; Third Round:—A. M. Holland beat W. Houston.

## Handicap Pairs

Third Round:—H. Lockhart and H. Patrick (plus 4) beat K. C. Hamilton and E. Spradbery (plus 5).

## Non-Prize Winners

Third Round:—H. C. Spong beat W. Houston; Semi-Final:—L. Sykes beat H. C. Spong.

## KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

## Club Championship

Semi-Final:—A. W. Ramsey beat E. C. Fincher.

## KOWLOON TONG G.C.A.

## Handicap Singles

Final:—V. N. Atienza (scr.) beat W. J. Howard (scr.).

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

## Handicap Singles

Third Round:—C. G. Solis (plus 5) beat K. S. Robertson (—5); A. Brooks-bank (—5) beat L. E. Lammert (—5); J. H. Gelling (—4) beat A. W. Hodges (—2).

## CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB

## Club Singles

Fourth Round:—W. J. Aurling beat J. R. Carr.

## SOFTBALL RESULTS

Yesterday's softball League matches resulted as follows:

Girls' League:—Panthers 10, Cardinals 7; Wahos 29; Little Flower Club 6; Club de Recreio 7; Wildcats 25.

Men's League, First Division:—St. Joseph's 11, Cyclones 2; Hong Kong Baseball Club 20, Canadian Chinese Club 10; Recreio "A" 4, Indians 0.

right-half, and whose powerful and accurate cross-field passes made many scoring opportunities.

Chung Yung-sum, another winger for Eastern, appeared uncomfortable in that position and was only responsible for few centres.

V. K. Hyui and C. T. Tsao, both formerly of Shanghai, were another two dangerous forwards in the Eastern team.

For Kwong Wah, Lee Kwok-kee, though somewhat at fault with the first goal, brought off several good saves in the latter period when Eastern were continually on the offensive. Chung Fai-lam was the better of two losing backs and cleared well, but their intermediate line was poor in tackling and worse in their feeding. Kam Kai-pul, formerly of

Ching-to, left-winger for Eastern, whose speed was too much for Cheong Shui-fai, the losers'

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

## FIRST DIVISION

Navy 1 St. Joseph's 1

O'Regan. All.

Eastern 3 Kwong Wah 2

V. K. Hyui (pen) Wong King-chung and

and Hau Ching-to (2) Chin Chi-fai.

## SECOND DIVISION

Navy 1 Royal Scots 3

Barber. Auld (2) and

Service Corps 10 Kitchee 1

Air Force 5 Shell 0

Martin (4) and Edmonds (pen).

Signals 5 Medicals 1

Husband (2), Bundy and Brackenberry (2).

South China Juniors, who held his left-half position well, was the best among the halves.

Chin Chi-fai, in the centre-forward position for Kwong Wah,

played a useful game. He displayed good combination with Cheuk Shek-kam.

## The Play

Kwong Wah took the lead about two minutes after the whistle through Wong King-chung, who converted a nice shot from Cheuk Shek-kam, while Hau Ching-to equalised shortly after, from a pass from V. K. Hyui. Chin Chi-fai again placed Kwong Wah in the lead as the result of a solo effort after having robbed Eastern's pivot of the ball.

Shortly after the resumption, Chung Fai-lam was penalised for pushing C. T. Tsao, and subsequently Hyui made no mistake in converting this penalty, which helped Eastern to wipe off Kwong Wah's 2-1 lead.

Thereafter Eastern increased the pressure and within two minutes, Hau Ching-to scored with a groundswell at point blank range from a pass from Hyui, to decide the issue in favour of Eastern.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Shing-king and Woo Chi-siang; S. C. Liu, Hau King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Yu Hop-hing, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai and Chung Fai-lam; Cheong Shui-fai, Wu Kam-sing and Kam Kai-pul; Leung Ping-kam, Lau Fook-chue, Chin Chi-fai, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

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# BATTERING OF HAMBURG

## Mass R.A.F. Raids For Third Successive Night

### Docks And Factories Attacked

**THE R.A.F.'S BATTERING OF HAMBURG ON SATURDAY NIGHT LASTED SEVERAL HOURS AND A CONCENTRATED ATTACK WAS MADE ON ALL ITS GREAT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.**

At intervals throughout the night a powerful force of bombers flew over the city and suburbs.

Success varied with changing weather but many pilots found periods when, in the words of one, conditions for bombing were perfect.

Squadrons attacking the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards saw bursts in many parts of the area and explosions followed accompanied by great billowing red flames.

A direct hit was scored on a neighbouring aircraft factory.

#### Thousand Incendiaries

In addition to many high explosive bombs another force of heavy bombers dropped over a thousand incendiaries on the great riverside railway goods yards in the Billwarder district.

Gaps in the clouds closed as the attacks ended, says the Air Ministry, and made it impossible to observe the full results but enough was seen to make it certain that considerable damage was done.—Reuter.

#### Largest Ever

The raid on Hamburg was carried out by the greatest force which has ever raided that city and further details of the raid are given by an Air Ministry news report which states that at intervals from just after night-fall until six in the morning a concentrated attack was made on a great number of the city's in-

dustries and communications wherein riverside districts suffered greatly.

It is here that traffic is particularly dense for Hamburg is a natural link between ocean, river and rail traffic. Factories and warehouses cover the ground.

Soon after dark the Rhonanin Ossag mineral oil works in the Wilhelmsburg district was attacked by a large force of medium bombers and bursts were seen on the target in spite of cloud banks.

About the same time other squadrons were attacking railway goods yards in the Wilhelmsburg district and also the Schlunk factory for the manufacture of edible oil fats.

#### Strong Forces

Later various targets in the Billwarder and Moorfleth riverside districts were attacked for nearly two hours. Here over one thousand incendiaries were dropped and many fires seen.

A strong force concentrated on the great railway yard beside the river in the Billwarder district, identifying the target through gaps in the cloud. Here again nearly a thousand incendiaries were dropped as well as tons of

### SEVEN SWISS SENT TO GAOL FOR LIFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Found guilty of attempting sabotage against the country's defences, seven Swiss subjects, including two recently returned from abroad, were sentenced in Berne yesterday to hard labour for life by court martial, according to a communique released by the Swiss General Staff.—Havas.

high explosive bombs.

Just before midnight other bombers attacked from various heights works in the Altona district where several bursts were seen on the target.

Another mineral oil factory was one of the last targets to be raided only an hour or two before dawn.

Good results were observed after bombs had been dropped on important targets in the Veddel and Peute industrial areas to the south of the riverside.

#### Ships Bombed

Successful attacks were also made against shipping during the night and one aircraft bombed three supply ships of about four to six thousand tons each, which were seen at the mouth of the Elbe. The observer saw two bombs burst close to the starboard and port sides of the leading ship.

Half an hour after this attack another bomber sighted a merchant ship of about 8,000 tons and one of the bombs dropped was reported by the rear gunner as a direct hit.—British Wireless.

### STOP PRESS

For three consecutive days — Friday, Saturday and yesterday — the Colony had a clean bill of health as far as cholera was concerned.

## HEAVY RAID ON BRINDISI

R.A.F. bombers again attacked Brindisi on Friday night, said an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The railway station, aerodromes and oil tanks near the city were bombed and several fires caused in the target area, but the full extent of the damage could not be observed owing to low clouds.

Benghazi was raided successfully and shipping in the harbour damaged.

The foreshore at Tobruk was bombed but it was not possible to see the extent of the damage.

A fuel depot near Gura, Italian East Africa, was attacked, a direct hit on the largest building in the target area causing much damage.

On Friday night Zula was raided and buildings bombed and set on fire.

The Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway line south of Adagalla was bombed. Direct hits are believed to have been made.

Marsawa was raided, the main quay and destroyer base being the principal objectives. All our planes except one returned safely.—Reuter.

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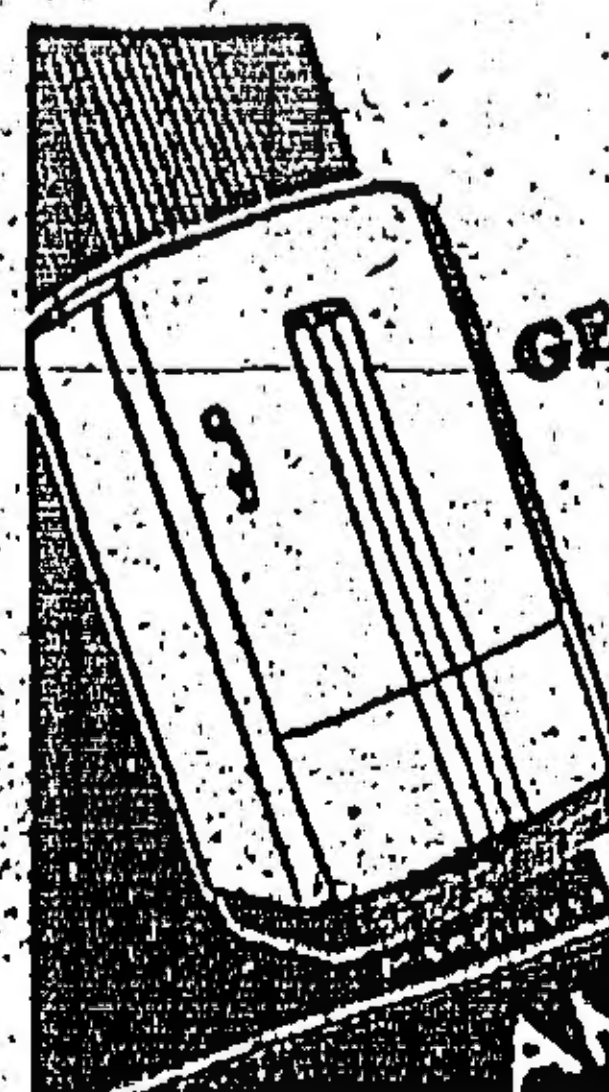
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